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INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED PEACE NOTE 'LEAK' BROADENS OUT

Score of Men Already Mentioned in Inquiry to Testify Before House Committee.

NEWSPAPER MEN TO APPEAR

Tom Lawson is Declared to Have Been Principal Beneficiary of Falling Stocks.

GARDNER GIVES TESTIMONY

Wood Criticised for Making Public the "Curtis" Letter.

Washington, Jan. 6. — Congressional investigation of allegations of a "leak" of advance information to Wall Street on President Wilson's peace note took a broader range today, and the investigators expect to lay a more definite foundation for their work Monday, when a score of men mentioned in connection with the inquiry appear before the House Rules committee.

Lansing and Tumulty to Appear.

Secretary Lansing, whose department has been drawn indirectly into the investigation by suggestions that it might have been the soure of any "leak" regarding dispatch of the note, and Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President, whose name was mentioned yesterday by Representative Wood, instigator of the inquiry, notified the Rules committee that they wished to appear and make statements on the subject.

Newspaper Men Subpoenaed.

Subpoenas were issued for seven newspaper men representing in Washington the Wall Street Journal, Financial America, the Central News of America and the New York Evening Sun, and they were ordered to bring their records with them.

Also under subpoena to appear Monday are Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston financier; Bernard Baruch, of New York; Charlie H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Company, and managers of the two telegraph companies, who will be asked about messages passing over their wires on the day the peace note was given in confidence to newspaper correspondents.

Lawson "Principal Beneficiary."

Mr. Lawson, who has made sensational charges of a "leak", was declared today by Representative Chiperfield, of Illinois, a Republican member of the Rules committee, to have been the principal beneficiary of the falling market that followed publication of the note. He said Lawson's transactions aggregated $300,000 on that market.

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, told the committee he had no evidence involving anybody in official life, but was convinced there had been a "leak." He produced a copy of a dispatch sent out over the Dow-Jones ticker in New York, December 20, forecasting a peace note ten hours before the note was published. Mr. Gardner will be represented again before the committee by counsel, who will submit an analysis of the effect of the premature announcements on the market.

Wood is Criticised.

Subpoenas for the seven newspaper correspondents were issued after Representative Harrison, a Democratic committeeman, had declared he believed advance information in the note was sent to Wall Street papers in breach of confidence. He also criticised Representative Wood for giving out a memorandum from "A. Curtis," of New York, who gave no address and who has not yet been located, without having made an effort to inquire into the genuineness of his informant. Secretary Tumulty's statement denying an assertion in the memorandum that he and Mr. Baruch conferred in New York prior to publication of the note was put into the record and a motion was adopted calling upon the New York and Chicago stock exchanges to preserve all of their brokerage slips from December 10 to 23.

Gardner Convinced of "Leak."

Representative Gardner testified he was convinced there had been a "leak" because ten hours berore the peace note was released for publication and four hours before it had been placed in the hands of the news agencies, the following dispatch was sent out over the Dow, Jones & Company's ticker: "The renewed selling of the market is due to reports received by brokers' private wires from Washington to the effect that the administration will, in the near future, address to the belligerents some suggestions or proposals in regard to peace. Nothing definite is obtainable in adminstration circles."

"There is your proof of a leak," said Mr. Gardner. "Miracles don't go on the stock exchange and Dow, Jones & Company don't deal in prophecies."

New York Sun Gave "Hint."

Representative Gardner also said that while the Wall Street Journal, on December 20 stated "there will be no peace manifesto issued by President Wilson," the New York Evening Sun on that date reported rumors and hints of the sending of such a note in the following terms:

"The Washington advices were bear-

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READY TO BEGIN 'MOONSHINE' TRIAL

Four Former Revenue Agents are Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

M'COY IS ONE OF NUMBER

Two Other North Carolinians Also Subject to be Called Up at Hearings Which Commence Tomorrow at Fort Smith.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 6.—Attorneys concerned today announced themselves ready for the trials of four former officers of the United States internal revenue service, charged with being implicated in a gigantic moonshine conspiracy, which hearings are set for the term of the United States court that opens here Monday. The defendants are Thomas C. McCoy, former internal revenue agent, of Asheville, N. C.; James H. Surber, former internal revenue agent, of Atlanta, Ga.; A. W. Williams, Fayetteville, Ark., former guager, and Newton C. Spradling, Aurora, Mo., former guager.

In addition to these defendants, there are similar indictments subject to call at the coming term against Guy L. Hartman, of Farmington, N. C.; Moses B. Brock, of Salisbury, N. C.; J. W. Grider, of Sonora, Ark., a former guager, and John L. Casper. The latter pleaded guilty here last January and was sentenced to nine years in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas. Telegrams received here December 22 said Casper had been pardoned.

Government agents declare they have evidence that the "moonshine" conspiracy dates back a score of years, having originated in North Carolina and spread through half a dozen states. It is charged the conspiracy ended here in the spring of 1914, after the government had lost from $3,000,000 to $5,000,000 because the "moonshiners" disposed of whiskey on which the customary tax of $1.10 a gallon was not paid.

Hartman fled after being indicted here but surrendered at Kansas City and gave bond of $25,000. This he forfeited by fleeing to Mexico where he became a scout for the American punitive expedition under General Pershing. He was arrested at the border and later was released on a bond of $5,000. While Hartman was in jail here, a United States grand jury returned an indictmnet against Spradling, Surber, McCoy and Williams. It charges them with conspiring with Hartman, Grider, Casper and others to defraud the government out of a tax on liquor but does not make either Hartman, Grider or Casper defendants.

CONGRESS BALKS AT ADDED COST OF SHIPS

Repeal of Authorization of Battle Cruisers Threatened.

Navy Department Asks Bethlehem Steel Company to Reduce Cost of Material and Latter Agrees to Cut 10 Per Cent.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Navy Department faces the possibility of repeal by Congress of the authorization of the construction of four new battle cruisers unless the expense as estimated by ship builders for construction can in some way to reduced, according to a telegram from Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, made public here today by the Bethlehem Steel Company. The ship builders bids are $1,000,000 above the $16,500,000 limit fixed by Congress on each cruiser, says Mr. Roosevelt's telegram. The Bethlehem Company sent a reply, it was said, offering to cut 10 per cent. from the cost of all material it might contract to supply toward the building of the cruisers. It was stated that this was done "in the interest of patriotism." The company informed Mr. Roosevelt that it estimated that "if other interests meet you in the same spirit" the desired $1,000,000 saving on each cruiser can be effeced.

Secretary Roosevelt's telegram, after alluding the ship builders' bids being beyond the maximum limit fixed by Congress, read:

"In order to avoid necessity of asking Congress for increased appropriation, thus involving delay and even possibility of not securing the increase or of repeal of authorization for construction, the department is endeavoring to find ways of reducing the cost of construction."

Some of the shipbuilders, the message continues, are meeting this situation "in a commendable way," and are in Washington in consultation endeavor-

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TEUTONIC FORCES GAINING HEADWAY NOW IN MOLDAVIA

Are Slowly Pressing Retreating Russo-Rumanians Back Along Southeastern Front.

FIVE TOWNS ARE OCCUPIED

Severe Fighting Has Taken Place Around Riga, at Northern End of Line in Russia.

Along a hundred mile front in southeastern Moldavia the troops of the Central Powers are slowly pressing the retreating Russians and Rumanians back upon the line of the Sereth river. The Sereth has been reached by the troops of Field Marshal von Mackensen at two points between Fokshani and Galatz, the last Rumanian port on the Danube and which is reported under the fire of German guns.

From the Usul valley to Galatz, the Austro-Germans have been successful at several points and have compelled the Russians and Rumanians to retire before their attack. At one point in the Usul valley the Russians were victorious in a battle for the possession of a height. Heavy fighting is reported in the region of Sovei, in the Suchitza valley, about 10 miles inside the Moldavian frontier. South of the Trotus valley, the Austro-Germans, in their latest advance, have taken 300 prisoners.

In Southern Moldavia, Field Marshal von Mackensen followed up his capture of Braila with the occupation of five towns south of the Nereth and between Fokshani and Galatz. North of Braila, Petrograd admits that the Russians and Rumanians have retired across the Sereth.

Severe fighting has taken place around Riga at the northern end of the long eastern front. German forces, Berlin says, were successful in engagemachine guns. Russian attacks furthAa, capturing 900 prisoners and several machine guns. Russians attacks further south along the Dvina river failed. Russian troops, Petrograd states, were successful in combats west of Riga, taking 275 prisoners and one battery. There has been little activity along the rest of the eastern front, except in the Carpathians where a Russian attack in the region of Kirlibaba was repulsed.

North of the river Ancre in northern France, British troops in a night attack entered a German advanced trench. Northeast of Verdun a German raid was made into the French lines. Artillery engagements are taking place at other points on the front.

An attack by a strong British force against Turkish positions near Inam Muhamed, on the Tigris front, was repulsed with heavy losses, Constantinople reports, and the British retired to their trenches. East of Hamadan, in Persia, the Turks repulsed a Russian attack with severe casualties. Near Sakkiz, a Russian attack also was checked by the Turks.

ONE BRITISH AND A DANISH STEAMER HAVE BEEN SUNK.

London, Jan. 6.—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Carlyle, 466 tons gross, and the Danish steamer Naesborg, 1,547 tons gross, have been sunk. The crews were saved.

BRITISH FORCES OF 6,000 REPULSED BY THE TURKS

Berlin, Jan. 6. (via Sayville).—British forces, 6,000 men strong, attacked the Turkish positions near Inam Muhamed, on the Tigris front, on the night of January 3, says an official statement issued by the Turkish war department under date of January 1. The attackers, the statement adds, were repulsed with heavy losses.

New Pender Stock Law Bill In House

IS PASSED BY THAT BODY BUT HELD UP IN SENATE FOR HEARING NEXT FRIDAY—WOULD REIMBURSE FREE RANGERS.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—A new Pender stock law bill stirred the lobbies today.

Scott, of Pender, had gotten through the House a bill to authorize Pender commissioners to issue bonds to reimburse the free rangers for money contributed for fence building to get ready for reverting to free range and to finish fencing the county, provided the people ratified this at a special election. Also Rocky Point and the town of Burgaw were to have no part in the election.

The bill was held up in the Senate, is in the hands of the Propositions and Grievances committee and will be heard next Friday. It is believed to be without the classes of bills excluded by the constitutional amendments. The Pender delegation returned home tonight to come back next Friday and finish the scrap.

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO MEN ON TRAIN

Four Others Badly Injured on the Southern's Birmingham Special at Woodlawn, Ala.

AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE?

Police Investigate Theory That Nitroglycerine Was Set Off by Lewis D. Walton, One of the Men Killed.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6.—J. Shelby Shelton, of Atlanta, one of the men injured in an explosion on the Southern Railway's Birmingham Special, near here tonight, died later as the result of a fractured skull.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6.—Two men were killed instantly and four others badly injured early tonight by an explosion in the smoking compartment of the rear day coach of the Southern Railway's Birmingham special from New York. The explosion occurred while the train was passing through Woodlawn, a Birmingham suburb.

The dead are: W. J. Oliver and Lewis D. Walton, both of Birmingham.

The police are working on the theory that the explosion was due to a quantity of nitroglycerine being set off by Walton with suicidal intent. Walton had been in the lavatory about 30 minutes when the explosion occurred. The blast blew the steel partition between the lavatory and smoking compartment entirely away.

Just outside the door was a table on which was written "see my suit case for important papers. Lewis D. Walton."

His suit case was found in the front seat of the car but it contained nothing but some letters and examination of them has so far carried no explanation.

Walton was formerly a grocer in Birmingham and was charged with killing his partner, M. O. Barton, April 9, 1915. His trial on the charge resulted in a mistrial several months ago and he was still under bond.

It was charged that Barton carried large life insurance policies in Walton's favor for the protection of their business.

Congressman-elect William B. Bankhead, of Jasper, Ala., who was in the observation car with Mrs. Bankhead, said the explosion could be felt all over Woodlawn. The train was hurried to Birmingham where ambulances carried the injured to hospitals. The passenger coach was badly damaged.

500 GALLONS "BOOZE" STOLEN

Whiskey Was Stored in Warehouse Which Was Under Guard.

Girard, Ala., Jan. 6.—Five hundred gallons of whiskey, part of the lot seized in the liquor raids recently conducted here by state authorities, have been stolen from a warehouse since December 21 when the building was put under guard, according to an announcement tonight by Sheriff Lindsay, of Russell county. Five hundred cases of whiskey were stolen about a month ago and the sheriff appealed to Governor Henderson for a guard.

ASHEVILLE PAPER IS CHARGED WITH LIBEL

County Commissioners Give the Times Notice of Suit.

Publication of Defamatory Matter in Connection With Recent Bond Sale is Alleged in Action Against Evening Paper.

(Special Star Telegram).

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 6.—Chairman W. E. Johnson and the other four members of the county board of commissioners filed formal notice this afternoon of their intention to enter suit for libel against the Times Publish Company, of which United States Marshal Chas. A. Webb is president and chief owner, the suit developing from the recent private sale of county bonds.

The notice refers to three issues, each contained in a separate copy of the paper in question. This formal notice was served on J. D. Poole, secretary of the company, which gives the company the customary five days of notice for a retraction.

That the suit was to be filed was printed as a rumor yesterday afternoon by the Times, with the statement that the Times would contribute $200 to the fund for attorneys to bring the suit, as it desired to be sued. It is said that no retraction will be made and that the hearing of the case will throw further light upon the recent Weaver-Britt controversy.

There are no attorneys of record, but it is said that the commissioners are to be represented by Mark W. Brown, Wells & Swain, Fortune & Roberts and J. W. Hayne, county attorney. Sensational developments are promised when the case comes up for hearing.

"Has Nothing to Fear."

The Times printed a story yesterday regarding the probable action of the board which was played up in black face type and in a box on the front page. In part the paper says:

"The Times will welcome libel suits

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OVER 500 BILLS IN HOPPER NOW RACING WITH AMENDMENTS

Indeterminate Sentences for Convicts Would be Provided by Senator Allen's Bill.

CUBAN REPUBLIC THANKED

Resolution Offered to Reimburse Judge Bond for Expense in Lynching Investigation.

(By W. J. Martin.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—Senator Allen, of Wayne, introduced a bill today to provide for indeterminate sentences for convicts in this State. Senator Pollock offered a resolution to reimburse Judge W. M. Bond $200 expenses in investigating the lynching of Joe Black in Lenoir. There was objection by Little, of Anson, to immediate passage and it went to committee.

The Senate heard Governor Craig's message on the withdrawal of the Cuban bond suit and adopted the House resolution of thanks and appreciation for Cuba's action and Senator Overman's service.

Both houses held morning and afternoon sessions. The Senate this afternoon consigned to the unfavorable calendar a Washington county bill to change the county seat from Plymouth to Roper. Big delegations were here and had a committee hearing before this action, which ends the effort, was taken.

The House and the Senate have all bills that are racing the Constitutional amendments up to date in process of enactment. All must be cleared from the legislative mill by Tuesday and duly ratified. There are more than 500 of them.

New bills offered today include:

Hooker—Apply State-wide primary law to Pamlico county.

Butt—Bond issue for Belhaven.

Senate new bills included:

Gough—Authorize $500,000 road and bridge bonds in Robeson.

Long, of Halifax—Amend the insurance laws.

Bills passed final reading:

Bonds for Washington township; amend charter of Roanoke Rapids graded schools; amend road law of Washington county; incorporate Henderson-Wilson Railroad Co.; Authorize Bertie county to invest in Carolina & Northern Railroad stock; Relief of the sheriff of Pender; Publication of financial statements by Lumberton; Amend Sampson road law.

New bills in the House included:

Pritchard—Require placing public funds at interest.

Mathews, of Bertie—Elect school boards by the people.

Brock—Relating to salaries of Kinston officers.

Brothers—Amend the recorder's court act for Kinston.

Bills passed to amend charter Virginia & East Carolina railroad; bond elections in Bertie and Northampton; Submit to voters of Pender question of fence tax; Re-incorporate Garysburg; Roads for Pamlico; Repeal Pasquotank highway commission; Empower New Bern to control wharves and docks and parks; Increase pay of sheriff of Gates; Empower Gates commissioners to borrow money; Regulate nomination and election of commissioners in Robeson county; Northampton dog tax.

Stinson—Amend the general primary law.

McRackin—Regulate the salary of the clerk of Columbus Superior court.

The Senate convened at 11 o'clock. Introduction of new bills proceeded as follows:

McLeod—Establish right of appeal from Harnett recorder.

Davenport—Amend Roper charter;

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Total Eclipse Of The Moon Tonight

WILL BEGIN AT 12:50 A. M. AND BE VISIBLE THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES—SEVEN ECLIPSES DURING 1917.

Washington, Jan. 6.—A total eclipse of the moon, visible throughout the United States and the first of seven eclipses to occur during 1917, will begin Sunday night at 12:50 A. M., Eastern time, according to officials of the Naval Observatory. At that hour, the moon will first come in contact with the earth's shadow and at 2 A. M. it will be entirely within the shadow. For one hour and 20 minutes the total eclipse will continue and then the moon will begin to leave the shadow, finally coming into full light at 4:39 A. M.

This will be the first total eclipse of the moon since 1913 and the first that has been completely visible here since 1910. This year's eclipses of the sun and moon will be the greatest number possible in any one year. There will be four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon. Not since 1787 have these same numbers occurred and a like occurrence will not again be seen until 1982.

RUSSIANS IN RIGA SECTOR MAKE GAIN

Petrograd Reports Capture of 275 Germans, One Battery and Some Machine Guns

FORCED BACK IN DOBRUDJA

Advance by the Teutonic Forces in the Kotumba Valley is Admitted—Rumanians Pressed Back at Other Points.

Petrograd, Jan. 6, via London, (British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—An advance of Russian troops west of Riga on the most northly sector of the Russo-German front, and the capture of 275 prisoners, one battery and some machine guns, was officially announced by the war office today.

In the region, south of the Kotumba valley, Rumania, the Russian troops were forced by a hostile attack to withdraw two versts (1 1-2 miles), the statement adds. Russians were victorious in a battle for possession of a height north of the Zsul valley in Rumania.

Rumanian forces, it is announced, were pressed back to the Upper Sutchitza valley and near the confluence of the Putna and Zabala rivers in Rumania.

A Russo-Rumanian retirement along the front southeast of Fokshani also was reported.

BERLIN SAYS ENGAGEMENTS ARE PROCEEDING FAVORABLY

Berlin, Jan. 6. (via Sayville).—The engagements southwest of Riga are proceeding favorably for the German troops, says the war office communication tonight. The fighting activity in the Milcov river sector south of Fokshani, Rumania, has increased. The Russians destroyed most of the Rumanian factories in Braila before abandoning that city.

FREE INSURANCE PROTECTION FOR COTTON MILL EMPLOYES

Cannon Company to Pay Premiums on Policies For 4,000 Operatives.

Concord, N. C., Jan. 6.—Four thousand employes of the Cannon Manufacturing Company, a corporation controlling the largest chain of cotton mills in the South, will be given free insurance protection by the company under group insurance form. The amount of insurance will depend upon the length of time each employe has been connected with the company. The premiums will be paid by the company and the policies made payable to the beneficiaries of the employes.

SUCCEEDS "PASTOR" RUSSELL

J. F. Rutherford Becomes President of Watch Tower Bible Society.

New York, Jon. 6.—Joseph F. Rutherford, of this city, was today elected president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tact Society, succeeding the late Rev. Charles T. Russell, who was widely known as Pastor Russell. Mr. Rutherford formerly was a lawyer.

ADAMSON INTRODUCES SUPPLEMENTARY BILL

Designed To Meet President's Desire On 8-Hour Legislation

Georgia Congressman Announces He Will Press Measure Without Waiting for Mr. Wilson to Complete Program.

Washington, Jan. 6.—A bill designed to meet President Wilson's recommendations for supplementing the Adamson law was introduced in the House today by Representative Adamson, who is chairman of the Commerce committee, with the announcement that he will press it for early consideration without waiting for completion of the President's railroad legislation program by the Senate.

The measure was framed by Mr. Adamson after conferences on the subject with President Wilson and Senator Newlands, chairman of the Senate Commerce committee. There has been no indication, however, whether it will have the endorsement of the administration in all of its details.

An eight-hour day is provided, but railroad employes could work overtime upon approval of the Interstate Commere Commission, wnich could, in specific cases, authorize "exceptions or allowances" from the eight-hour requirements. The eight hours need not be consecutive.

After all efforts at mediation of differences had failed, the President, upon notification, would create a special board of inquiry, under the measure, comprising three members, who would investigate and report to the President or the mediation board, as the President may direct, as speedily as possible. In any event a report would be required within three months from the reference of the differences to it. It would be required to make recommendations in its report and pending the report a strike or lockout would be

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BELIEVES BORDER DISPUTE WILL BE DISPOSED OF SOON

Mexican Treasurer Predicts United States and Mexico Will Reach an Agreement.

IS NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Visits Government Officials and Calls on American Members of Joint Commission.

New York, Jan. 6.—Nicifero Zambrano, treasurer of the de facto government of Mexico, recently sent to Washington by General Carranza as his personal representative and who came here today, issued a statement in which he predicted an early settlement of the border difficulties. He based his belief, he declared, on the fact that the American government is considering seriously lifting at an early date, for the benefit of the Carranza government, the embargo on the shipment of arms into Mexico; the recall of General Pershing's expedition and the sending to Mexico of Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. Zambrano said he had called on Secretary Lane and Judge George Gray of the American commission, with whom he discussed the Mexican situation. He let it be understood, also, that he was received by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. As the result of his visit to Washington, Mr. Zambrano said he had reported to General Carranza that prospects for an early adjustment of the existing difficulties are very bright.

"I have never doubtted that the difficulties between Mexico and the United States could be arranged through diplomatic channels, with a most amicable and conciliatory spirit," said Mr. Zambrano.

"I base this assertion first on the admirable humanitarian attitude this nation has followed since the beginning of the European war without worrying itself as to its cause, without the slightest trace of partiality, and on the fact that the governments of Mexico and United States are now presided over by men of such democratic principles as Woodrow Wilson and Venustiano Carranza."

VILLA HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK RE-ESTABLISHED

New York, Jan. 6.—After an absence of more than a year, accredited representatives of Francisco Villa again have established headquarters here and announcement was made today by John J. Hawes, who is in charge, that events now had shaped themselves so that "frequent and reliable" reports off Villa's movements could be given to the public.

A statement was given out by Mr. Hawes which had been issued by Hipolito Villa, a brother of Francisco, from San Antonio, Texas. In the statement Villa appealed to the "sense of justice and fair play of the American people" in behalf of his brother, whom he declared innocent of all charges that have been brought against him and who soon will re-establish himself in he admiration of the whole world."

Villa, according to Hawes, has a well equipped army of between 14,000 and 16,000 men, and is only awaiting the withdrawal of General Pershing's expedition "to demonstrate his ability to restore order in Northern Mexico."

MAY STATE WHETHER FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ARE DESIRED

Allies' Reply to President May Contain Some Additional Features.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Indications increased in allied diplomatic circles here today that the allied reply to President Wilson's peace note, while following in the main the reply to the Central Powers, will have some additional features calculated to make it more clear whether a continuance of the negotiations is desired. If the allied governments are determined to press the war to a military solution, it is expected that they will leave no doubt that further exchanges at this time will not be welcomed; if not the reply is expected to leave the door open for additional correspondence.

The meeting of the allied premiers in Rome today was regarded here as of great importance, because the Entente governments were expected to take the opportunity to discuss their whole fundamental attitude towards peace and particularly America's part in securing peace.

Whether the Entente reply to the American note will be forwarded to the Central Powers is an open question still. It is said such action would be entirely permissible diplomatically. The reply is expected by the end of next week.

JOINT RESOLUTION BLOCKED

Newlands Committee Technically Goes Out of Existence Tomorrow.

Washington, Jan. 6.—An effort by Representative Adamson to secure consideration of the joint resolution extending the Newlands railway committee until next December was blocked in the House today by Representative Hayburn, of Texas. Technically, the committee will go out of existence Monday, but leaders in the Senate and House expect to get action on the extension resolution in the near future so that plans may be made for hearings during the coming summer.

MURDER MYSTERY NOW IS ABOUT CLEARED UP

District Attorney Believes Lewis Killed Miss Colbert.

Two New Witnesses Give Light on the "Missing Link" Concerning the Acquaintanceship of the Man and Woman.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 6.—Bernard W. Lewis, who committed suicide Thursday night in Atlantic City, killed Mazie Colbert, advertising art model, in a quarrel over money, according to the belief expressed by District Attorney Rotan, who tonight made known the result of a conference with two new witnesses summoned to establish a missing link—the acquaintanceship of Lewis and the girl. There is no direct evidence that Lewis killed Miss Colbert.

Miss Colbert's body was found a week ago tonight in her apartments. Lewis ended his life with a rifle Thursday night when the Atlantic City police were about to arrest him in following out a clue supplied by a taxicab driver.

The conclusions of the district attorney are concurred in by Captain of Detectives Tate and the case tonight was virtually closed, according to them. A few scattered ends remain to be cleared up, but they are inconsequential, according to Mr. Rotan.

The two witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chambers, were personally acquainted with the girl, according to the district attorney. They were in the model's apartment about a year ago when Lewis was introduced by Miss Colbert, who remarked that "he is my friend from New York." Miss Colbert, according to the information given out by the district attorney, said she mat Lewis at a motor show here, where he engaged as a demonstrator.

Mrs. Chambers informed the district attorney that Miss Colbert had confided to her on the day Lewis arrived in the city from New York, which was the day before her murder is supposed to have occurred, that she had "only $10 to her name." When the murder was discovered only $9 in cash was found among the slain girl's effects.

LEWIS HAD CONTEMPLATED SUICIDE ON DECEMBER 17

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—Friends of Bernard W. Lewis today learned that Lewis contemplated suicide on December 17, when he wrote to one of his closest friends here asking that he take care of Mrs. Lewis and his daughter, Betty.

The letter, which was received by James S. McFadyan, general manager of the Fittsburg Union Stock Yards, was mailed in New York at 11 o'clock thenight before December 17, last. It follows:

"Before you get this letter I will have paid for my mistakes. You were one real friend upon whom I could rely. This is my latest request of you. Please, so long as you live, see that no harm comes to Laura and Betty, and tell Betty about all the pitfalls ahead of her so she may miss them. I'd do this for you if the tables were reversed, and I ask you in God's name to look out for Laura and Betty. I am only a wreck now, but they must have some peace and happiness. Laura is a wonderful woman, and I'm paying tonight for wrecking her life. For what we've been in the past, Jim, make the road for father and mother and Laura and Betty as easy as possible. This is my last request.

(Signed) "BERNARD."

Mr. McFadyan made the letter public today in the belief that Lewis, desperate because his money was gone and unable to face further disgrace, had taken his life as soon as he learned that he was to be arrested.

INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED PEACE NOTE "LEAK" BROADENS OUT

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ish, these saying that President Wilson may address foreign powers on the peace proposals."

"Where did The Sun get this advance information?" asked Mr. Gardner. "I think that I see indications of a leak. But the absolute definite visible watermark of a leak is contained in the ticker record of Dow, Jones & Company.

"It seems to me that the right way to go about the matter is to find out from the President who he talked this peace note over with and summon them and find out whether there was any way in which they might inadvertently have let the cat out of the bag. Next I should get a list of those employes of the White House and the State Department and of our embassies abroad who handled this particular peace note. I think you will find that list quite formidable in length.

No Evidence Against Officials.

"Have you any evidence that would connect anyone at the White House with the leak?" asked Chairman Henry.

"None whatever," said Mr. Gardner. "I have nothing but anonymous statements and letters which are worth nothing as evidence."

"Have you any evidence that would connect any one at the State department?"

"No, nor any one else," Gardner replied. "I have no evidence that I consider worth the paper it is written on."

CONGRESS BALKS AT ADDED COST OF SHIPS

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ing to find further means of reducing construction.

"Navy appeals to you to do your share," the telegram continues, and the Bethlehem Company is asked what reduction it will accept over its quotations made some weeks ago for material "if Navy buys the material for four ships and gives you the contract for all."

The steel company's reply, signed by E. G. Grace, president, read in part:

"It is our disposition always to do our part and to meet you in this direct appeal we will be willing to make a reduction of ten per cent. in the prices already quoted. This to apply alike for one, two, three or four ships.

"We estimate if other interests meet you in the same spirit that you can effect the desired saving. We trust the Navy Department will recognize the position we are taking in this instance, and reflect same in future relations."

COMPLETE PLANS TO DEFEND ADAMSON LAW

Government's Brief Goes to Supreme Court Tomorrow.

Arguments in the Case Will Begin in the Afternoon and It is Probable That They Will be Concluded Tuesday.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Plans for defense of the Adamson act before the Supreme Court were completed today by the Department of Justice and the government's brief was made ready for presentation Monday morning. Arguments will begin Monday afternoon and probably will be concluded Tuesday. Counsel for railroad brotherhoods, it was announced after a conference today, will not appear.

Solicitor General Davis will open the argument for the government and the closing argument will be made by Special Assistant Frank Hagerman. Attorney General Gregory will appear only as a spectator.

The government's brief, a bulky volume, is understood to submit railroad schedules of many trunk lines and contracts between railroads and brotherhood employes. Special reliance is understood to be placed upon the "hours of service" law as a precedent. It prohibits railroads from working employes more than 16 consecutive hours.

Counsel for railroads attacking the law will arrive here tomorrow headed by Walker D. Hines, chairman of the railroad's committee of attorneys.

ADAMSON INTRODUCES SUPPLEMENTARY BILL

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prohibited. No person could serve on such a board if he were pecuniarily interested in settlement of the differences.

The bill backs up the requirements with a provision that the President shall have authority to take possession of any common carrier's lines in emergencies, which term, Mr. Adamson said, he construed to mean military necessity or the blocking of commerce.

OVER 500 BILLS IN HOPPER NOW RACING WITH AMENDMENTS

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Establish county seat for Washington county.

Tucker—Regulate barbering in Person county; Amend law as to financial agent in Person.

Linn—Empower Rowan commissioners to grant special compensation.

Nelson—Change boundaries of Lenoir.

Justice—Repeal Flat Rock school district act.

Thompson—Revise Davidson county road law.

Gough—Regulate annual statements by Lumberton authorities.

Jones—Appoint financial agent for Catawba; Justices of peace for Sampson.

Gregg—Abolish treasureship in Randolph and fix salaries.

Bunn—Amend Wake road law.

Deweese—Bill relating to the Henderson Valley railroad.

Brenizer—Resolution to require the special committee already appointed to investigate as to creating a State purchasing board to also investigate especially as to appropriations that the Legislature needs to make and draft appropriation bills.

Passed Final Reading.

Bills passed final reading as follows:

Construct iron bridge between Yadkin and Forsyth countie at Donnaho; Validate Grifton school bonds; Authorize bridge bond in Gaston; Amend Forsyth highway commission act; Revise charter for Lumberton; Repeal charter of Ripley; Validate Wilkes $250,000 road bonds; Relief of Brunswick board of education; Amend Greensboro bond issue act; Create Cross Creek Cemetery Association; Amend Hope Mills school law; Authorize Currituck bonds; Road bonds for Sampson; Road and bridge bonds for Caldwell; Roads and bridges in Robeson with special tax.

Senator Jones introduced out of order a bill to amend chapter 215 of 1915 to make its provisions apply to Buncombe county.

Great numbers of roll call bills passed second reading with speed limit record.

Long Raises Objection.

Long, of Alamance, objected to the Thompson bill revising the Davidson road law on the calendar for immediate passage. Little, of Alamance, championed Thompson's cause, but the presiding officer announced that the bill had already been referred. Also Senator Scales stated in this connection that a compromise had been reached by the Davidson factions.

Additional bills passed as follows: Resolution for joint session of the two houses to canvass the vote in the November election; Justices of the peace for Fender; Make Malone a justice in Brunswick; Amend Lumberton's charter; Economical disbursements in Robeson; Amend Sampson's road law; Regulate election of Rowan commissioners; Henderson county justices; Justices for Brunswick; Amend Perquimans road law; Justices in Alamance; Tax collections in Gates.

The passage of the House bill to amend the charter of Branch Banking & Trust Co., was held up until the corporation tax is paid.

The House—Third Day.

Speaker Murphy convened the House at 10 o'clock. Rev. George H. Nash offered the opening prayer. The Surry county highway commission bill, which was the two hundredth bill introduced, came in for favorable report from committee. New bills were introduced as follows:

Gardner—Relief of C. E. Robbins, druggist in Yancey county.

Rankin—Farm life school for Pitt.

Grantham—Amend Harnett recorder's court act.

Rogers—Maintain Clay county roads.

Collins—Repeal 1913 act and re-enact 1905 act relating to Jones county.

McCall—Provide for revision of certain funds in Cherokee.

Oliver—Change the name of Whitehouse township; Amend compost act for Craven county.

Grant—Relief for sheriff of Onslow.

Privette—Amend the law as to road commissioners in Wilkes; Amend 1911 local act; Amend law as to wide tires in Moore, Hoke and Richmond counties.

Joyner—Relating to dog tax in Northampton.

Ward—Amend charter of Clinton.

Daniel—Amend 1915 local laws of Warren county.

Covington—Repeal act as to abolishing office of county treasurer; Amend Hoke game law.

Swain—Regulate levy of corporation tax in Swain. Abolish treasurer's office in Swain.

Resolution passed as to printing the Governor's message as offered by Doughton.

Pender Fight Starts.

Clark, of Pitt, demanded the recall of the Pender county bill to repeal stock law in order than one hundred citizens might be heard. Scott, of Pender, author of the bill, said he would be glad to retain the stock law if the people wanted it, but that they had overwhelmingly voted against it. The House refused to recall the bill from the Senate, holding that the hearing could be had before the Senate committee.

The 316th bill was introduced out of order by Hicks, of Avery. It would regulate the registration of deeds in Avery.

Roll Call Bills Passed.

The following roll call bills passed:

Amend Randolph road law; Authorize Durham bond issue for water and sewerage; Incorporate Coats school, Harnett county; Authorize Surry bonds; Authorize West Asheville bonds; Relating to poll tax for road work; Special tax for Macon; Authorize bonds by Winston-Salem; Relating to bonds in Chowan; Permit Durham to issue water bonds; Amend the charter of West Asheville; Amend the charter of Marion; Confirm the charter of Flora Macdonald College; Validate bond issue for Beaufort; Amend Durham city charter; Amend Yancey road law; Street bonds for Gastonia; Bonds for Marion; Amend Durham charter; Bonds for Pilot township, Stokes county; Bonds for expenses in Beaufort; Create Conover graded school district; Amend Durham charter; Road bonds for Jackson township, Northampton county; Tax for six months school in Bladen; Road tax for Bladen; Additional road bonds for Sampson; Road bonds for Alleghany; Amend Thomasville charter; Special tax for Currituck; Road commissioners for Burke; Regulate salaries of officers in Franklin; Road building in Caswell; School election in Angier; Roads in Anson; Road improvement in Yancey; Amend road law of Union; Special tax for Brunswick; Road bond election for Person; Fund Monroe bonds; Bonds for Yadkin; Authorize certain work by Robeson commissioners; School bonds by Farmington; Consolidate school districts at Fuquay Springs; Incorporate Jonesville; Amend charter of Winston-Salem; Good roads for Franklin; Amend act abolishing certain Yadkin county offices; Prohibit hog feeding on the public roads of Tyrrell; Revise and consolidate the charter of Elizabeth City; Amend charter of Canton; Amend Durham city charter; Roads for Gold Mine township, Franklin county; Bonds for Plymouth; Highway commission for Camden; Amend Surry road law; Fix salaries of Alamance officers; Good roads for Franklin county townships; Abolish Onslow recorder's court; Protect birds in Surry; Ratify $5,000 bonds for Beulah township schools, Duplin county; Amend Mooresville charter; Extend Sanford school district; Facilitate collection of back taxes in Wilmington; Empower New Bern to control wharves and docks; Protect Bertie game; Restore county treasurer in Bertie; Fix compensation of jurors in Madison; Abolish recorder's court in Richmond.

At the request of Minority Leader McCrary, the bill amending the charter of Thomasville was recalled from the Senate to admit of a hearing.

New bills were introduced by Haymore to amend the law as to farmlife schools and by Mauney to repeal the act reducing the salaries of the recorder and auditor in Cleveland county.

House Committees Named.

Speaker Murphy announced committees as follows:

Agriculture—Galloway, Butt, Darden, Grantham, Brothers, Phillips, Price, of Rockingham, Somers, Matheson, Horne, Baldwin, Shaw, Bailey, Moore, Taylor, of Edgecombe, Collins, Clayton, Scott, of Pender, Cox of Forsyth, Griffin, Barnes, Covington, Morgan and Wilson.

Courts and judicial districts—Ray, of Macon, Pharr, Grier, Roberts, of Rockingham, Brummitt, Pegram, Ray, of Chatham, Newell, Dees, Grant, of New Hanover, Winborne, Mathews of Bertie, Breece, Privett and Haymore.

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"Next Morning" Headaches.

(BY DR. L. W. BOWER.)

One of the characteristic headaches due to uric acid in the system, which acts as a poison when it accumulates, is due to alcohol taken the night before. The kidneys do not succeed in throwing off this poisonous accumulation, the stomach is nauseated, or the blood congests in the head, causing throbbing pain, called headache—the heart is depressed, circulation of blood poor to the extremities, the muscles feel tired, or twinges of pain here and there are felt, and when this uric acid is deposited in the tissues or joints it causes rheumatism or gout. I always advise the drinking of hot water, a half pint in the morning, and a little Anuric. Sometimes the "blues," or a sort of rash, or pimply face, gives warning of a "uric acid storm." At such times always take this Anuric which can be obtained at almost any drug store, and which you will find dissolves the uric acid almost as hot water does sugar.

Avoid too much meat, tea and alcohol. Drink an abundance of water, both hot and cold. Take Anuric three times a day until the bad symptoms all subside. This is the best way to avoid rheumatism and many of the pains and aches due to a uric acid condition. If you drink any alcoholic beverage you should keep the kidneys and liver active with Anuric, so as to throw off the poisons which accumulate. If your tongue is coated—a dark brown taste, breath foul, followed sometimes by colds, indigestion, biliousness, constipation or sour acid stomach, you should take some vegetable laxative. Such a one is made in sugar-coated form from the May-apple, leaves of aloe, and root of jalap, and commonly sold by almost all druggists as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are standard and have been in ready-to-use form for nearly fifty years.

WANT ADDITIONAL TRAIN

Local Council U. C. T. Will Request New Train on W. & W. Road

Cape Fear Council, No. 374, United Commercial Travelers, will hold a meeting next Saturday night, at which time plans will be made for making a request to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for an additional train on the Wilmington & Weldon division, leaving this city about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

They will further request the railroad company to replace the 6:45 train on this same division and make it a through train. It is the purpose of the traveling men in making the request for the additional train ,to provide a means for people living in the outlying villages and towns to come to Wilmington and do their shopping, and have practically the entire day in the city, and yet return home the same afternoon.

Another improvement that the U. C. T's. will ask for, is that both the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard improve their rolling stock on trains out of Wilmington. According to the travelers this is one of the most needed improvements that could be made in local railroad circles at present.

TOWING STEAMER ARRIVES

The Bigelow Recently Purchased by Wilmington Towing Co. In Port.

The towing steamer Bigelow, recently purchased by the Wilmington Towing Company, arrived in the local port last night from Port English, Fla. The boat was purchased from A. G. Bigelow Company at Miami. After a few days stay in the local port, the tow boat will be sent by its new owners further North, but just what port has not as yet been definitely determined, according to a statement made by Capt. W. A. Sanders, of the Towing company, last night. Capt. J. M. Kermon is master and Mr. Joe Elfrank is chief engineer of the Bigelow.

—Alec Lord, colored, who has been wanted by the local police for several weeks on a charge of violating the prohibition law, was arrested at Front and Orange streets by Plainclothesman Leon George last night.

HOW THE GROCER WAS NAMED

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Nothing is so necessary in any community, nothing so unescapable as the grocery. It is the first business of the frontier settlement, and it plays the most important role in the business drama of any town. One can hardly imagine a city, in any age, in which there were no grocery stores; and yet the institution is a comparatively modern one. Do you know how groceries originated?

Only a few hundred years ago certain foresighted tradesmen in France went about the country buying up bargain lots of merchandise. They bought fire damaged goods, bankrupt stocks, all sorts of commodities. They bought these things "en gros" and made money out of them. The trade was carried to England, where a man who bought hardware, thread, furniture, vegetables "en gros," or in large quantities, called himself an "en grosser." This was later shortened to "grocer," but the term was still applied to the proprietor of a general business. The grocery was a sort of racket shop, like the modern 10-cent store.

WHITE MAN STABBED BY MAN HE WAS TRYING TO BEFRIEND

Mr. Eugene C. Harriss Severely Injured by Mr. O. D. Godwin Last Night.

Mr. Eugene C. Harriss, of No. 914 Castle street, was stabbed in the head and severly injured by Mr. O. D. Godwin, at Eighth and Castle streets shortly before 9 o'clock last night, according to the police. He was removed to the James Walker Memorial Hospital and Godwin was arrested by Policeman J. O. Bullard and brought to the city hall.

From particulars available last night, it seems that Godwin, who was alleged to have been drinking, became involved in a difficulty with a cafe keeper at Ninth and Castle streets, and Harris attempted to take him out of the cafe and carry him home. He then became enraged at Harriss and, drawing a knife, inflicted several severe stabs in the head.

According to reports from the hospital early this morning, Harriss' condition, although serious, is not considered fatal. He suffered considerably from loss of blood.

NEGRO WOMAN STABS ANOTHER.

Henrietta Jones Knifed Lucile Howe Early This Morning.

Lucile Howe was stabbed in the back by Henrietta Jones during an altercation at a house at No. 818 North Eighth street, shortly after midnight last night. The Howe woman was taken to the hospital where her injuries were dressed and she later returned to her home. Little could be learned at an early hour this morning relative to the cause of the fracas. The police went to the scene but were unable to apprehend the Jones woman. Both the principals in the affair are colored.

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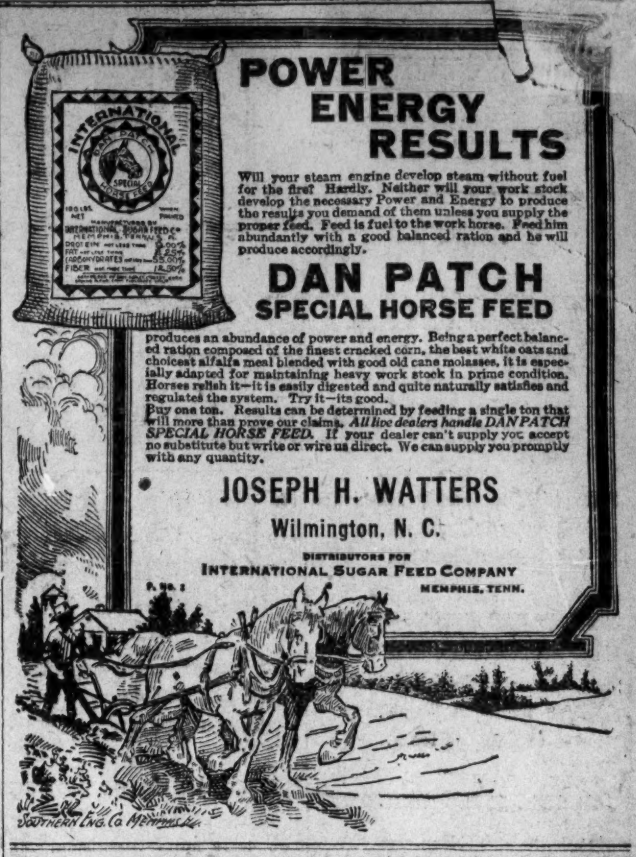

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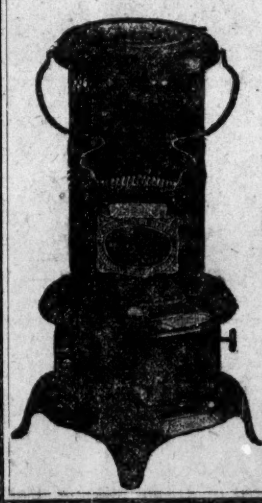

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BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN ROBESON PLEASING

Prospects Bright for a Banner Year in the County.

Lumberton's Hotel Praised by Traveling Men—Legislative Matters—Drunks on Trains Nil—Robberies Along Seaboard.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Lumberton, N. C. Jan. 6.—During the past week your correspondent has consulted with a number of the leading business men as to the present conditions and future prospects in this section. He is assured that business conditions are good, with a fine prospect for the coming year. The business men are all in fine shape, and when the short crops in this section are considered, the farmers are in fine condition. It is said that preparations are being made to plant large cotton and tobacco crops, the orders for fertilizers indicating that the demand is going to be great.

To give some idea of how collections have been, one business man says that his house did $3,000 more business in 1916 than in 1915, and that at the end of the year they had collected all but about $600 of $6,000 worth of accounts. There is no reason to doubt that other time people have not done as well. With good seasons this year there is no reason why it should not be a banner year for Robeson.

If information is wanted about different towns and cities, hotels, etc., we know of no better source to obtain it than from the traveling men. We have made it our business this week to ask a number of them about the Lorraine, Lumberton's new hotel, and everyone, without a single exception, declared it as good as they could wish for. Thursday night the house was full. Many traveling men are stopping here now who formerly gave the town the go-by, on account of hotel accommodations. One gentleman said yesterday that he visited every town of any size in the State and that Lumberton was the best of them all, and that the hotel could be classed with the town.

Contest on County Auditor

There seems to be some contest on in the Legislature as to who shall be Robeson county's next auditor, that official being appointed by the Legislature. There are two aspirants for the position, the present incumbent being opposed by another candidate. No one will question the ability of either of the gentlemen. The office pays, if we mistake not, $2,600 per annum, and one of the gentlemen, we are reliably informed, in making application for the position, offered to do the work for $1800 per annum, which creates an impression on advocates of lower salaries for the various county offices. One thing we do believe, the men in the towers will act wise in keeping an eye down the line in order that they may not pull the wrong lever and cause a collision. Stop, look, listen.

A movement is now on foot to divide Lumberton into four wards, and reduce the number of commissioners from six to four, each ward being represented by one commissioner. From discussions we have heard, there seems to be a difference of opinion as to the best mode of electing the four commissioners, some arguing that each ward elect its man, while others think the whole town should vote on all the commissioners. The Legislature has been asked to change the law so that the commissioners will elect the chief of police instead of the people voting for that official. By reducing the number of commissioners the town will save $36 a year in salaries. Worth considering, isn't it?

Conductors See a Difference.

In conversation with the writer, two or three railroad conductors since Christmas have declared that they had never seen such a Christmas on the railroads from a prohibition standpoint. They all said that they always dreaded the holiday season on account of the numerous drunks they had to contend with, but this time none of them had experienced a single bit of unpleasantness on account of drink. Those who are opposed to prohibition had just as well come on across, and get on the dry side, for the days of medicine for "snake-bites" are about over.

It is always some new fad, and we believe this one started in Lumberton. In the southwest corner of the old cemetery near the union station, we recently noticed a small stove placed near a grave, and nearby was a barrel or two and a box of ashes, trash, etc. Yesterday we noticed that the stove had disappeared, but the other articles were still there. And if any brick mason should need any extra mortar-boards, several may be obtained at the same place. Has this corner of the cemetery been turned into a trash-pile? True, it doesn't hurt the dead, but there may be those living who would not like their family squares changed into a dumping-ground Of course, it is simply an oversight on the part of some one, and the trash should be removed.

A total eclipse of the moon is looked for tomorrow night, first Sunday night for the year. It will be visible here, but will occur too late for people to sit up, and it will be too early for them to be up.

Robberies Along Seaboard

A number of robberies are reported to have occurred during the week between here and Wilmington. Wednesday night Clarkton, Abbottsburg, and Bladenboro are said to have been visited. Two men accused of the crimes kindly passed through Lumberton Thursday going west, but were overtaken five miles above here on the Seaboard by Sheriff Clark and deputies and taken back to Bladen. Thursday night, the Messrs. Stansel's store at Allenton, five miles east of here, was entered, three locks on the front door not stopping the thief or thieves. At that place indications were that something was being sought for that could not be found, as every drawer in the store was ransacked. Only two or three pocket knives and two or three cheap watches were taken. No clue to perpetrators.

The Lumberton graded school will open Monday for the spring term, and as extremely little sickness is reported, a large crowd may be expected. In keeping with the town the school facilities are up to now.

The Star correspondent was shown yesterday a certificate of stock in the old Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherfordton Railroad Company. It shows that the road was chartered February 13, 1855, and was organized October 4, 1855. The stock—two shares—was issued to Mr. C. C. Stephens, on the 28th day of March, 1861, signed by H. W. Guion, president, and Robt. H. Cowan, secretary. The old document is in almost a perfect state of preservation.

Wilson-Prevatt Marriage.

Miss Flora Prevatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prevatt, and Mr. A. R. Wilson, of Mayesville, were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, on Fourth street, Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present. The newly-married couple left on the 9:45 night train for Wilmington. The bride was one of Lumberton's best known and poppular young ladies, and while many friends regret that in the future she will reside elsewhere, they wish for her and her husband life's richest blessings. The groom is a popular druggist of Mayesville.

After a week of disagreeable weather, today dawned fair and beautiful.

Sheriff Lewis and deputies were called to Lowe, five miles west of here on the Seaboard, last night about 7 o'lock to look after a trio of negroes camping in the woods near that place all the afternoon. About dark one of them went to the home of Mr. Walter Tyner, and started to enter the house. Mr. Tyner was absent, but Mr. Davis, who clerks in the store, was present and drove the intruder away. In a short time he returned and started in again through the front door, when Mr. Davis told him he would kill him if he didn't leave. The sheriff was then phoned for, but when he arrived the black-birds had flown.

Live stock dealers here report business as being entirely satisfactory, which sounds good.

New Law Firm

Messrs. E. J. Britt and David H. Fuller have formed a co-partnership for the practice of law. Mr. Britt already has a large practice, and by taking Mr. Fuller with him will add much more. Mr. Fuller is a Lumberton young man, of whom all our people are justly proud. We are all glad that he will remain at home, instead of locating elsewhere. W. S. W.

CHRISTMAS DAY ON THE MEXICAN BORDER

Vivid Account of How Wilmington Boys Spent Day.

Donations by "Folks at Home" Helped Greatly in Making Yuletide Season Happy One in Spite of Climatic Disadvantages.

Field Headquarters, Co. A., N. C. Engineers, Camp Stewart, Texas, Dec. 26.—Christmas has passed and though it was not like home, yet we have a whole lot to thank 'home' for. The day broke clear and still and we were called for reveille while the sunrise still lent the beautiful shades of pink and purple to the mountain tops and as we stood in line expecting the morning roll one of our comrades, an accomplished musician, stepped from his tent door with his violin and rendered the old Christmas hymn, "Silent Night, Holy Night," and at the end of the second verse, he paused then while all were quiet, expecting another verse, he changed to "Home Sweet Home." When he finished all were strangely silent. You could hear the horned toads jumping a mile out on the desert.

A little Mexican way down the line somewhere yelled, "El Paso Herald!" I say he yelled it, but what we heard him say was "Morning Star!"

When we went in for breakfst we found someone had been busy indeed. In the front of our mess hall someone had built a stand and placed thereon an engineers' castle about six-feet in length and three feet high. On each side were lashed giant cactus plants which were decorated with silver tinsel and lighted candles, and all the sides were dressed with sage brush and different Texas plants the names of which I cannot call, but it was all very tastefully arranged. Our officers did us the honor to take breakfast with us, also one battalion doctor, and a merry time we had. Speeches by our officers, the doctor and an able address by Senator Murphy. Then came the opening of the big boxes which the Red Cross, the W. L. I. and Mission Pharmacy so generously sent us.

The captain was the master of ceremonies and as each man's name was called, he came forward to receive an individual package filled with just the things we all wished for—candy, trinkets, necessities by the gross, enough not only for our company but for every Wilmington boy on the border.

It was a merry crowd that went out into the open to enjoy the day and the feeling of loneliness which we expected with Christmas was dispelled for the time. But the elements were againt us. About 10 o'clock the tents began to shake a trifle, then a little harder and then the first thing you knew the wind was down upon us and another desert was passing over our heads.

There was nothing left but to tie ourselves in and wait while our Christmas pretties took on a cover of the alkali.

This kept up all day steady and harder than it had so far been our misfortune to experience. Our turkey was eaten with one hand protecting it from the enemy, the dust, while the other did the work but there was a full portion ration and plenty for "seconds."

All afternoon we gathered in the tents and made the best of it in one way or another as the wind roared overhead, but it never roared so hard that the wonderful merriment that Wilmington added to the day was forgotten for a minute. No one could put down on paper the words that could express our thanks to everybody but if anyone who had worked to help throw out our loneliness and make Christmas somewhat homelike could have dropped in for a few minutes they would have been amply repaid for their trouble and unselfishness. Perhaps some time the city will call upon us and in that case you may be sure we will gladly respond; that is if we ever get home again—things don't look that way just now.

GOOD ROADS PROGRAM FOR COUNTY ADOPTED

People of Davidson Hold Enthusiastic Convention.

Committee Named to Take Programme to Raleigh and Have It Enacted Into Law by Legislature. Varner Chairman.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lexington, N. C., Jan. 6.—A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the good roads convention called to meet here today. This meeting was called to order by Z. V. Walser, who made an interesting talk on the necessity and many advantages of good roads to the people of Davidson county, in particular.

Col. H. B. Varner, "the father of good roads" in North Carolina, was elected chairman, and after reading the call for the convention, stated the object of the meeting. In doing so, Mr. Varner took occasion to speak of the good work already done in the county and his desire to see the entire county a network of improved roads.

Dr. J. W. Peacock, chairman of the board of road commissioners, was called for and outlined the proposed legislation, with the amendments thereto, which had been tentatively agreed upon at a meeting of the representatives of the board of commissioners and good roads people with the senator and representative of this county, while in Raleigh this week, and gave his views on the proposed legislation. On motion, the chairman appointed a committee of seven to draft suitable resolutions expressing the sense of the convention.

During the absence of the committee on motion of Mr. Walser, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the good roads people of Davidson county are due and hereby tendered to the present board of road commissioners for the priceless services rendered by them in the discharge of the exceedingly difficult duties imposed upon them"

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

"First That the plan of election and number of the board of road commissioners provided for in the amendment to section one, read to this meeting, be approved with the amendment that, in case of a legalized primary being held, the board shall be nominated in the said primary and not in the county conventions.

"Second. That the board of road commissioners may appoint one road supervisor for each township to report to the board and co-operate with the board and the superintendent of highways for the county of Davidson, in regard to the work of the roads of his township, and may be removed by the board for failure to perform his duties, or for incapacity.

"Third. That the board of county commissioners shall levy the amount of tax that the board of road commissioners may find necessary not to exceed the amount of the levy provided by law.

"Fourth. That the board of road commissioners may work any necessary road through any incorporated towns i nthe county necessary to connect the main highways of the county.

"Fifth. That the board of road commissioners shall not, in any one year, borrow money in excess of one-half of the road taxes of the preceding year, unless in case of an appropriation by the Federal government and then, in order to raise an equal amount, they may borrow an amount not exceeding 75 per cent of the amount of the road taxes for the preceding year.

"Sixth. That the following committee, viz: E. E. Raper, Dr. J. W. Peacock and L. V. Phillips, do present the foregoing resolutions to the members of the Legislature from this county and the proper committees of the Legislature and to procure their enactment."

Upon the completion of the reading of the report of the committee, it was re-read by sections and each section was adopted by a unanimous vote. Mr. Roy T. Brown, the road engineer for the board of commissioners, was asked to make a report of the work already accomplished in the county by the present board of road commissioners.

Mr. Brown gave a short summary of the work done, which showed that the average cost of the completed roads in the county, exclusive of the cost of bridges, was about $1,400 per mile; that taking all roads that have been improved, including those which had not yet been top soiled, the average cost had been about $1,270 per mile, which the chairman of the convention said was the best record made by any county in the State of North Carolina, and so far as he had been able to learn, was the best made by any in the South.

WILL ASK LEGISLATURE FOR INCREASED APPROPRIATION

For Maintenance of Confederate Woman's Home at Fayetteville.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 6.—Work has been started on the completion of the west wing of the Confederate Woman's Home here, being made possible by a donation from Mrs. Jacksie Daniel Thrash, of Tarboro. The work will be a memorial to Mrs. Thrash's husband, the late Thad W. Thrash. When this State owned home was built a year ago the interior of the west wing was not finished because of a lack of funds, and it is owing to the generosity of Mrs. Thrash, who is president of the State Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy, that these five rooms are to be made ready for occupancy now. The contract was given to L. Centry, of this city.

The directors of the home have just voted to ask the Legislature for an increased appropriation for maintenance, this step being necessary, they say, in order to keep up the good work the institution is doing. The directors have also decided to employ a superintendent in addition to the matron who now has charge of the home. The superintendent will be a woman.

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SPORTS

FIND METAL'S HISTORY.

Microscopic Examination in Dodge Brothers' Plant to Find Flaws.

It is not always a massive hammer and a lusty blow that determines whether a material is strong enough, or good enough, for use in Dodge Brothers' car. There are many testing devices in the Dodge Brothers' laboratories in which force is the chief factor, but there are also many extremely delicate instruments.

Steel, brass and babbitt, for instance, are carefully examined under the microscope for imperfections in the metal.

In handling metals under the glass, the surface of the piece is made perfectly smooth by grinding wheels and then polished to a mirror surface by the use of special surfaced wheels and various grinding powders.

The piece is then examined at various magnifications up to 1,000. If there are any impurities or minute cracks or any structural defect in the metal, it is readily discovered.

An acid treatment follows, that reveals the entire history of the piece of metal to the metallurgist, so that he is enabled to tell with absolute accuracy just how the piece was made, how it was treated, and whether it will perform the function for which it was intended.

TOMMY DRAAK ARRIVES TODAY

Clever Dutchman Will Reach Wilmington on Noon Day Train.

Tommy Draak, the clever Dutch wrestler, who meets Champion John Olin at Woolvin Hall tomorrow night for the heavyweight championship of the world, is expected to arrive in the city at noon today. Olin remained over after his bout with Hjalmar Lundin and Fritz Hanson Friday night.

Fritz Hanson is now boosting another kind of attraction. The speedy Swede is a member of Col. Walker Taylor's Sunday school class at Immanuel Presbyterian church and just now they are out on the trail for new members. Fritz's contribution today will probably weigh more than that of any of his competitors, as he has corraled Messrs. Lundin and Olin as his offering to the class.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE IN ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONES ACTION

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 6.—At the annual meeting of the Virginia League held here today, the selection of officers and the vote on the acceptance of Lynchburg's offer for the franchise surrendered by Hopewell last season, were postponed to January 25. The announcement was made that C. Moran Barry, former Georgetown football star, associated with several other local business men, had bought the Norfolk franchise.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE HAS BEEN RESUMED AT WAKE FOREST

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Jan. 6.—With the re-opening of college for the spring term, basketball practice has been resumed by the candidates for the 'varsity team. Coach Crozier is putting the players through a stiff practice daily, concluding with a practice game each afternoon in an effort to round out a team with which to open the season, which begins next Friday on the home floor with the strong Durham Y. M. C. A. quint, and is followed five days later with the engagement with Trinity College in Raleigh.

BARRY SIGNS UP TO MANAGE RED SOX FOR NEXT SEASON

Boston, Jan. 6.—John J. Barry, captain of the world champion Boston American League baseball team, became its manager today when he signed a contract for the coming season. Unofficial reports said his salary would be $10,000 with additional provision for a bonus if the team again won the pennant.

Wilson, N. C., Jan. 6.—Hans Smith, of Wilmington had no difficulty whatever in taking the first two out of a scheduled three falls from Sailor Moore, of Lucama, in a wrestling match here last night. Following the second fall Moore attempted to "biff" his opponent in the eye and the referee called off the bout.

HIS STAGE CAREER ENDED

E. H. Sothern, Who is Seriously Ill, Returns to New York.

New York, Jan. 6.—Announcement that E. H. Sothern never again will appear on the stage was made here tonight by the actor's physician, Dr. Jos. B. Bissell. Mr. Sothen returned tonight from Chicago, where he became ill several days ago.

Dr. Bissell said he did not think an operation would be necessary for the present, but added that he had advised Mr. Sothern that he would have to give up the stage permanently and that the actor had consented.

Julia Marlowe, in private life Mrs. Sothern, went as far as Buffalo to meet her husband Dr. Bissell, but missed their train and returned here on another train about two hours after their arrival.

RIVERS AND HABORS BILL

Measure Virtually Completed and Will be Reported This Week.

Washington, Jan .6.—The Rivers and Harbors Appropriation bill, carrying $29,000,000 for work on new projects, virtually has been completed and will be reported to the House next week.

The items for new improvements, which will ultimately cost approximately $50,000,000, include 5270,000 for Norfolk harbor, total cost authorized $1,114,000; Congaree river, South Carolina, $50,000, total cost $100,000; Charleston, S. C., harbor $70,000, total cost $140,000; Savannah, Ga., harbor $500,000, total cost $1,920,000; Brunswick, Ga., harbor $175,000, total cost $510,000.

COL. CODY GOES TO DENVER

Physicians Say His Condition is Critical and Recovery Doubtful

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 6.—Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) left here tonight for Denver. Physicians said his condition was critical and recovery doubtful. Accompanying him are his sister, his physician and a nurse. Colonel Cody is 73 years old. It is said that in addition to a bronchial affection, the Colonel's kidneys are seriously affected.

During the fiscal year 1916, 705,872 acres of National forest timberlands were estimated and mapped intensively, and 1,093,006 extensively. In all, 20,815,798 acres have been mapped by intensive methods and 47,291,660 by extensive methods.

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We are closing these suits out Monday at these exceptionally low prices to make room for our Spring stock, which is due to arrive shortly.

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We have some very good numbers in children's coats that we are closing out at very low prices.

$10.00 coats, special Monday, $6.75.
$ 7.50 coats, special Monday, $4.98.
$ 6.00 Middy dresses, special Monday, $3.98.

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Build Up your Home Town—Buy at Home—Boost Wilmington.
Make this the Best city in North Carolina during 1917.

Topic for Sunday, January 7, 1917.

ARE YOU EVADING MORAL ISSUES? Matthews 12:22-30.

(Consecration Meeting).

This interesting miracle of the healing of the blind, dumb man possessed with a devil caused great astonishment among the beholders. They were greatly amazed, and said, "Is not this the Son of David?" The Pharisees thought they could get rid of the matter by saying that He cast out devils by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of devils. Jesus showed them the fallacy of that explanation.

It is impossible to evade moral issues. One must either be a hero and boldly confront them; or a coward and run away from them. Duty cannot be evaded. The only way to get rid of duty is to walk right through it. If duty rises in the patch before you, and you try to slip around it somehow the path will swing around and duty will be kept before you. It is the duty of every Christian to squarely, bravely meet moral issues. A brave Christian is not afroid to meet moral issues. If one hesitates to meet them, it argues that he is a coward.

In individual life we are constantly confronting duties, which assume some form of moral issue. The Holy Spirit in His functional work guides us in the study of duty. If we have a dawning conviction that we ought to perform a certain line of duty, we should boldly confront it and attempt it. Anything is easy if God is our helper. The hardest thing is to evade these moral issues.

All of us are confronted by certain social duties, which do not only affect us but have a moulding influence over other, and these should be dealt with honestly and bravely. These duties concern our habits and speech, our conduct, and our places of amusement or pleasure. We should carefully discriminate between right and wrong, what we ought an dought not to do. Our influence is a moral power, hence a moral issue, and we should so act as to lead others to do right.

There are certain political questions which confront us with moral issue and they will never be settled until they are settled right; and they will never be settled right until Christian men and women settle them. The settling of such questions is a part of our service to God. In serving our country we are serving God. Citizenship is really a Christian duty.

The biggest and most important question before us as a nation is how we will handle the whiskey problem. The license system is an ethical error. It is never right to do wrong. The license implies a legislation of a portion of the traffic and aims to repress a part of it. It both authorizes and limits it. License really makes the community a rum seller. License forces the saloon into politics; drills the enemy of temperance, and so is the source of untold political corruption. License apparently brings a revenue to the State, and entrenches the traffic behind the cupidity of short-sighted tax payers. The expense which the traffic brings on the community a hundred times exceeds any profit arising from the license fees. License really does not diminish the amount of sales of liquor. It only limtis the number of places where it is sold. Large establishments foster little ones. Fine saloons encourage little ones. License gives the sanction of the State and gives the traffic legal, industrial, political and social respectability. License as a preventative of intemperance has been tried in the balance and found wanting.

Once to every man and nation comes
the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth and falsehood for
the good or evil side.—LOWELL.

WAS NO FOUL PLAY

Two South Carolina Officers Met Death by Asphyxiation.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 6.—Governor Manning, of South Carolina, has been informed by Governor Fielder that Sheriff Davis and Supervisor Foster, of Oconee county, S. C., who came north for an alleged negro murderer and were found dead in their hotel in Elizabeth, did not meet with four play. This information conveyed to the Southern executive was based on a report that Prosecutor Stein, of the county in which the men died, is ascribed to a defective gas jet.

The letter also informs Governor Manninfi that the personal effects of the dead officials were returned to South Carolina with B. R. Moos, who was subsequently sent here to take back the negro whom Davis and Foster were after when they were asphyxiated.

PROFESSOR TAUSSIG ACCEPTS

May be Made Chairman of the New Tariff Commission.

Washington, Jon. 6.—Prof. Frank W. Taussig, of Harvard, today accepted a place on the tariff commission and probably will be made chairman. The other four members will be announced later.

Professor Taussig is a teacher of political economy, and has written extensively on the tariff. It is understood the administration had difficulty in persuading him to accept.

DESERTER SURRENDERS

Escaped From Navy at Norfolk in 1915, Terms Himself "Globe Trotter."

Davenport, Iowa, Jan. 6.—W. D McDonald, of Spring Hill, La., who terms himself a "globe trotter," is under arrest at the Rock Island, Ill., police station, having surrendered today as a deserter from the United States Navy at Norfolk, Va., November 10, 1915. Since that time he has traveled over many parts of the world, he says.

ASHEVILLE PAPER IS CHARGED WITH LIBEL

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instituted either by the board of commissioners or County Attorney Haynes. It has nothing to fear. The Times published the facts concerning the bond transaction with reasonable criticism of the action of the board of commissioners in selling at private sale the bonds of the country.

"The Times hopes that the board and County Attorney Haynes will indict The Times. As an inducement to them to do so, The Times hereby proposes in good faith to contribute the sum of $200 towards the fees of attorneys who bring the suit, provided the suits are prosecuted to the end of a jury trial."

The paper is owned by United States Marshal C. A. Webb, Postmaster Owen Gudger, and J. D. Poole, a dpueyt in Mr. Webb's office.

The work of classifying and opening to homestead entry such lands in the National forests as are chiefly valuable for agriculture is progressing rapidly. Already over seventy million acres have been covered by field examinations and the final reports acted upon.

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When the stomach becomes weak, the liver inactive and the bowels clogged, your appetite is quickly affected. Consequently, you soon feel rundown.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

The hardness and severity of our daily lives requires a counterpoise; the means and methods of diversion and relaxation must not be ruthlessly denied. —CARDINAL GIBBONS.

Cuba smelt a rat's nest. Who was the rat tha built the nest?

Maybe Congress will want to know who put the cur in Curtis.

Congress ought not to leak so much itself on slight provocation.

Well, Cuba and North Carolina will know each other better hereafter.

We don't know what to suspect when the Hon. Tom-toms Lawson gets into action.

Penrose's force bill would not have enough force in it to make it respected so's you'd notice it.

Probably the invisible "A Curtis" who knows all about that "leak" passed through Atlanta several years ago.

We are ready to deny that we made even as much as 30 cents as a result of the "leak" that leaked on the New York Stock Exchange.

A South Carolinian has invented a new kind of gin, but it is not the regular kind that is so popular in bibulous society.

It lies between Lord Northcliffe and Colonel Bryan as to which is the editor of destiny mentioned in Tolstoi's prophecy about the war in Europe.

Both sides in Europe are afraid that we are going to fight them before the war is over. It is strange how they got the impression that we are about to decide to go crazy.

The League to Enforce Peace has gotten into a war of words with Teddy Col. Roosevelt was the aggressor, but the pacifists are not too proud to fight back.

Cuba had us "skeered," but she had too much honor to trail us to the jumping off place with the ghost of Reconstruction knavery. All honor to the sister republic!

So far as the dog is concerned, the Legislature can do whatever it likes with the purp. It would destroy our popularity if we said a word about the worst sheep-killing dog in North Carolina.

The Columbia State says: "Some men think—no say—the boll weevil won't come." That makes us suspect that there are South Carolinians who are in the class with the wise guys who told Noah it wouldn't rain.

A Texan boasts that he roped twenty goats in three minutes and eleven seconds, but his exploit makes the food monopolists laugh. They can decide in one minute on an increase in prices and get the goats of 100,000,000 consumers. That Texan is a piker.

Says the Jacksonville Times-Union: "It is pretty heartless to make a party issue out of a mere desire for peace, but that is what is being done in the Senate." It shows that some of the states have sent political bigots to the Senate instead of sending American statesmen to that grave and reverend body.

Is the United States Congress degenerating into a scandal mongers' conclave? With only hear-say as a basis for libelous statements, men's names are handled recklessly by certain members who ought to know the proprieties of such a distinguished body. Men ought to be known or proven to be guilty before it should be permissable for them to have their reputations blackened in Congress. That body will soon fall into disrepute if it is to be made the open forum of gossip and scandal based upon what Tom, Dick and Harry say without the semblance of taking an oath.

BOYCOTTON AND JUST COTTON

It is a mistake for the farmers to suppose that the Housewives' League is boycotting the producers. They are boycotting the food sharks who charge the consumers three times the price that a farmer gets for his products. The Department of Agriculture at Washington has investigated prices and it finds that the farmers' share in prices is only one-third of what the consumer has to pay, on the average. In other words, the farmer does not get his fair share of the high prices. He gets only one third, while middle men of the scrupulous and the unscrupulous kind get the other two-thirds. Small dealers are not the "middle man," for they are just as much the victims of the food monopolists as are the consumers. As a matter of fact, every retail dealer's ambition is to be the "leader of low prices," but somebody higher up has the first say about prices.

The farmers themselves are as much the victims of high prices as anybody else. They will find that out when they grow their crops this season. Higher prices for farm supplies and fertilizers and higher wages for farm labor will increase the cost of farm operations about 40 per cent. over the normal. Therefore, if a farmer does not get 40 per cent. more than normal for what he sells, he will come out at the little end of the horn.

The increased cost of production on the farms is based upon government statistics and, according to the rule, if it cost 8 cents a pound to raise cotton two years ago, it will cost 40 per cent more this year, or nearly 11 1-4 cents a pound. Feeding farm consumers at high prices, feeding farm stock at high prices, paying higher prices for agricultural implements, higher prices for fertilizers and higher prices for hands, necessarily will increase the cost of farming. Therefore, farm products are bound to bring a good price, else the farmers will either swap dollars or suffer loss in their business. Most of them swap dollars at best, else the increase in the per capita farm wealth in North Carolina would not be so negligible that it is only one-tenth of the per capita farm wealth in some of the states that do not and cannot grow a stalk of cotton.

So far as the high cost of living and farming is concerned, the government and the balance of us may figure on it from who laid the rail, but all the theories of a national convention of Solomons will not affect a purely economic matter in the least. There is no prospect for low prices for many years to come, and then the decline will be gradual, for any sudden collapse of prices would revolutionize our whole economic system to such an extent that it would spell ruin for all farm and factory producers and all the balance of us as well. The general result would be the same as that experienced recently when a sudden tumble in munitions stocks bankrupted many people who paid high prices for them on a gamble.

Gambling on stocks, gambling on cotton and gambling on farming based upon present prices is a hazardous thing. Nevertheless, people will do it and nothing that may be written about it will have the least effect. They all keep on going it, and people like the Hon. Thos. W. Lawson smell the leaks and scoop the pot.

The South is going to gamble on a big cotton crop this year, all based upon the present price of cotton. Prices for supplies and farming are relatively high and they are not apt to decline as suddenly as the price of cotton, which recently tumbled $5 a bale over night. A farmer who casts his cotton crop this year based upon present prices, and who is bound to pay relatively high prices for his supplies, is taking a gamble in which he may win one time out of ten but always has lost nine times out of ten. Everybody thinks of 20 cents cotton, without thinking of relatively high prices for supplies and without thinking of the possibilities that cotton may be 12 or 15 cents instead of 18 to 20 cents next fall.

The war in Europe has created a heavy demand for cotton and it is estimated that some 3,000,000 bales has gone into the manufacture of munitions and war supplies. When the war ends that much demand will fall off almost as suddenly as the price of munitions stocks fell on the New York Stock Exchange a few days ago. Maybe not, but anyhow it's a gamble, since even peace talk recently caused cotton prices to tumble, a pointer that peace will not necessarily stabilize the present high price.

Nevertheless, the South is going to gamble instead of producing enough to eat before it gambles. A record cotton acreage, will be planted this year for sure, since even the agricultural adviser in at least one state is reported by an exchange as making an effort to encourage cotton growing where cotton has never been grown before. Considering that fixed and unalterable purpose of the South, we may as well reconcile ourselves to the high cost of living and times about as hard as those which came to the South when 50 cent cotton almost brought on a famine in the South. Fifty cent cotton never made the South rich, but we recollect very well that it came very nearly starving the South.

Even if it did, the South now believes 20 cent cotton is the thing, although cotton has stamped low prices on cotton growing lands in every state in the South. The farmer who gambles on the high price of food crops is more apt to win than the one who gambles on the high price of cotton, for the high price of living is much more certain to continue than the high price of cotton. If we could all eat cotton, we wouldn't have to boycott, but Southern farmers should remember that the boycott is not against the small amount of foodstuffs that they produce but against the Western products that are monopolized or cornered and elevated by deals from which even the Western farmer gets but little benefit.

GETTING DOWN TO BRASS TACKS.

The South might as well stop its indefinite publicity and get right down to definite propositions. They are the only sort that will take and it is an old story with The Star that it is a waste of time and money for cities and communities to get the publicity craze without having some definite proposition or undertaking to which to give publicity. When we are after air, we can go up in the air after it and get what is coming to us, but we won't get much for our hot air idea of attracting settlers and capital to the South or to our cities. We've got to have a puller and place definite investment and settlement propositions before the house before we can make homeseekers and investors take notice.

There are at least two men in North Carolina who know what definite propositions are. They are J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn fame, and John T. Patrick, of Southern Pines fame. Possibly Chadbourn is the largest farms settlement success in the South, and Mr. Brown is responsible for it because he made a definite proposition out of it and got settlers from the Central West. The result is the flourishing town of Chadbourn and its surrounding section of productive farms developed out of cut-over lands that once constituted a woe-begone and dessolate region. We know, because we went all over them more than 25 years ago to write up their possibilities. We got the laugh from everybody except Mr. Brown and he made things come true as predicted. He made a definite proposition out of a vast tract of land along with its enormous solitude, and there is in its stead the thrifty town of Chadbourn with its newspaper and large business interests and the Sunny South Colony with its prosperous farmers—possibly a community of from 3,000 to 4,000 happy people altogether.

In the South we are casting about for some means of developing its various sections, and some of us can see in them the possibilities that should be realized, but we fail to get on to the proper way to do it. The definite proposition plan has all along been preached by The Star, for it succeeds wherever it has been tried. No man has seen more possibilities in North Carolina than Mr. Elon H. Butler, once a Pennsylvania newspaper man but now a North Carolina booster. He also knows the value of a definite proposition, and he thus writes The Star about the one for which Mr. Patrick is responsible:

"You are fully aware of the vast resources of North Carolina, and that while we are making headway in developing these resources we are not making the headway we should. This is because we are not taking the united steps for success which such action would bring.

"A movement is now on foot which aims for the joint action of the two Carolinas to bring to the attention of the world the opportunities that are here, and I want to enlist your interest.

"First, I am going to mention what publicity has done for Moore county, and how it has paid State, county, community and individuals. Some 30 years ago Col. John T. Patrick commenced his work to attract people to Moore county. He has succeeded. Talking the other day with the sheriff of Moore county, Colonel Patrick was informed that the newcomers to the county are paying this year above $50,000 in taxes. The amount will increase constantly each year for the strangers are increasing their property valuation, and it is an easy guess that in the next 15 years they will pay in Moore county fully a million in taxes.

"But take the last year's tax payments alone. The State gets some $15,000 of that. The county gets $35,000. Any other business of $50,000 brought about without the expenditure of a single dollar for advertising purposes, would at once figure how to use a little money in advertising and increase the business. I will not say that no money has been spent here for advertising. A considerable sum has been used for that purpose. But it has been prvate funds. The private sums so spent have brought vast returns, for while strangers have spent last year in the county for taxes $50,000 they have spent many times that much for other things. At Pinehurst alone it is estimated that they spent a quarter of a million on new buildings and that they will spend that much more this year in a similar manner. That will mean a big increase in the taxes for the coming years. But these strangers have spent hundreds of thousands, or many millions of dollars in Moore county since Colonel Patrick brought the first stranger to Southern Pines.

"What is done in Moore county can be done in every county of the State. What we want is for the Legislature of North Carolina, first to make it lawful for towns and counties to spend money to advertise their communities, and second, for the Legislture to authorize the State to do the same thing. Advertising has made Moore county. It has made the county able to pay $50,000 tax a year, wholly from outsiders. It has brought vast sums of money to practically all the people in Moore county, for the produce sold at Southern Pines and Pinehurst and the other towns in winter, to say nothing of summer, represents vast sums of money. In winter Pinehurst alone employs about 1,000 people, and Southern Pines employs a large number. Throughout the year both these places employ several hundred people.

"North Carolina has the resources. All we need is to let the world know what we have. It takes money to do that, and money spent doing it, as is seen in Moore county, brings back an enormous increase. The purpose of the movement of which I speak is to persuade the State to appropriate a fund for advertising the State and to permit the counties to advertise the counties. The 50,000 people that visit Asheville in a season shows that the possibilities of attracting people are not confined to Moore county alone. The vast development in Stanly county by outside capital shows that in every county opportunity waits if we can only make known what we have.

"We want you to join with this movement to put North Carolina in the public notice that it should have, for such a step means the development of this State in such a swift and gigantic manner that will astonish the whole country. We want a quick response that you are interested and will join in going before the Legislature asking that something of this kind be done at once. What do you say? Let us hear from you at once. Too much time has already been lost walking over the abundant treasure at our feet. Let us get it out where it can be seen and used, and the state set on its road to becoming one of the most active and prosperous States of the Union."

That is the case as Mr. Butler puts it. He points to Southern Pines and Pinehurst and the Sand Hills developments as an example, and it is all a true and wonderful statement about the results of working on definite developmental lines, as Mr. Patrick did the work. Other communities can do the same for themselves if they will, for "the gods help those who help themselves."

As for the $50,000 proposition for giving publicity to North Carolina, we have no doubt that it would be money well spent, but every community in North Carolina must remember that if it is to share in future development, it will have to do something for itself. It will have to have some sort of definite proposition and play the business game as it was played by Brown and Patrick. More live community effort, possibly coupled with a State scheme for publicity, is bound to make an asset of the practically idle resources of the great State of North Carolina. No one community can expect to have development thrust upon it. Nobody is going to dump homeseekers and industries on any community simply because it invites them and does not even let them know why.

INFAMOUS CONSPIRACY DEFEATED

Through the efforts of Senator Overman at Washington, Cuba got wise to the fact that some unscrupulous shyster in the United States was attempting to use her as a catspaw to rake $2,000,000 out of the North Carolina Treasury for a lot of repudiated bonds of the villainous Reconstruction period in this State. Reconstruction was of itself the blackest infamy that ever marred the pages of American history. Whether deliberately intended or not, it proved to be an instrument that threatened the very civilization of the South, and those responsible for it were either obsessed of hatred or lacked every principle of wise statesmanship. The truth is they opened the way and it was seized as an opportunity by the most reckless set of knaves that any country ever produced in either ancient or modern times.

Hardly less infamous is this latter day conspiracy by one or more plotters to hound North Carolina for money, as if to make sure that she shall yet be made to suffer more on account of the Reconstruction infamy. What must be the character of the man or men who persist in endeavors by stealth and conspiracy to raid the treasury of the people of North Carolina! We can't imagine a more contemptible, despicable, craven lot than those who deceived Cuba and endeavored to make her the instrument of their depravity.

A charitable institution in Cuba was dragged into the scheme and it was deceived by a gift enterprise, worse even than a gold brick swindler would perpetrate, for there were "millions in it" in the event of success. Innocent of the character of the scheme, the Cuban republic became a party to the machavellian plot of men who did not even hesitate to put a blot upon the very escutcheon of the proud and gallant Cuban republic. It shows that harpies and vampires still live in human form, but Senator Overman's resolution in the United States Senate opened Cuba's eyes and she washed her hands of the whole dirty mess.

Nobody blames Cuba, for she was acting in good faith, but she proved her high honor when she withdrew a suit based upon the devilish machinations of men with characters no better than that of the buccaneers whose piratical exploits are a part of American history. Possibly the mask may fall off the latter day Black Beard, but if not so, we know that there is living a man or men capable of scuttling a ship.

A QUESTION ASKED.

To The Editor of The Star:

Will some thinking citizen arise and explain why this city should send to Raleigh for "A pig in a poke" to administer her most important business? Is not election by the people of her rulers the corner stone of Democracy?

"TAX PAYER."

CURRENT COMMENT.

On December 22nd Judge Stacy appointed Mr. C. D. Koonce, of this place, to succeed the late clerk of the Superior court, Mr. L. W. Stanley, whose term had just started. Of all the men in Columbus county a better man could not be found to fill the vacancy. Mr. Koonce is a well known lawyer and business man of our city and in fact one of the best lawyers in this section of the State. He gave his bond last Friday and took charge of the office. Mr. Koonce will still make his home in Chadbourn.—Charbourn Herald.

North Carolina bids fair to shortly become known as the State of famous towns. Spencer and Kannapolis are representative of the older of these, yet neither is of legal or voting age. Canton, the manufacturing town in the mountains, comes third. Cornelius, in Mecklenburg, and Landis, in Rowan, are typical of the new cotton milling towns sprung up from open fields. It is probable, however, that Baden is destined to take top place, that town even now talking of 10,000 and more names for the coming of the census enumerator—and Baden is yet in baby clothes, not even having attained the knee-breeches stage. On the banks of the Yadkin, four miles north of Spencer, the foundation is laid for a new manufacturing town around one of the largest finishing mills in the country. The best part of all is that these new towns—these coming industrial cities—while rapid growers, have none other of the characteristics of the mushroom. They are founded on solid business bases and with a keystone that spells prosperity.—Charlotte Observer.

Perhaps the ideal of automatic government is reached in Chicago, though many other American communities press her close for the palm. The fact came to mind recently upon looking over the newspapers of that city. They were saying that several thousand public employees would probably have to work without pay during the last month of the year, if they worked at all; that there was no money in sight to feed the horses in the police department or buy gasoline for the patrol wagons; that the whole electrical department would very likely have to close for lack of operating funds, thereby paralyzing the police and fire alarm systems and leaving many streets in darkness. The trouble, it appeared, was that in something less than eleven months the departments had spent all the money appropriated for a year—for which situation, as one paper explained, "the City Council threw the blame on the department heads; while the departments hurled the blame back upon the aldermen." Admittedly nobody in particular is responsible for government in Chicago; nobody in particular conducts it; the thing just runs itself in an impressionistic and opportunistic manner. If the public-school administration is in a mess, as has frequently happened of late years, you can blame the board of education, which will blame the mayor; or you can blame the mayor, who will blame the board. If the city's money has been squandered there is a mayor, a set of department heads, a comptroller and seventy or eighty aldermen—all disclaiming any responsibility on their own parts and nimbly hurling the blame elsewhere. The mayor promised to close the saloons on Sunday; but when it comes to keeping them closed he points to the state's attorney, while the state's attorney points to him. Murders are disagreeably common, for which the police blame the courts, while the courts blame the police. No matter what happens, nobody is responsible; everybody can very plausibly blame somebody else. What Chicago needs is three men with complete power over local government in all its phases and absolute responsibility for the results they secure.—Saturday Evening Post.

A visit to the Jacksonville stock yards is certainly interesting and everyone in reach of Jacksonville should visit them, whether interested in the cattle industry or not. Jacksonville is certainly destined to be the leading stock market of this section of the South.—Lake Butler Times.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Deputy Recorder Cashwell Presided at Yesterday's Session.

When Robert Conyers, colored, charged with an assault on a female, entered the Recorder's court yesterday morning and beheld Deputy Recorder Claude C. Cashwell perched on the pedestal of authority, usually occupied by Recorder Harriss, he rejoiced greatly. "Ah," he soliloquized, "here is an embryo Daniel Webster come to sit on my case, and behold he is also a man of gentle nature, and will give me but 30 days instead of the 90 that Capt'n George would surely hand out. It is well, I was born under a lucky star."

Believing that he was indeed fortunate to be the first offender to face the new deputy, Robert told all he knew about the case with perfect composure. The lady in the affair did likewise. When the evidence was all in, Robert leaned back in his chair with a look of extreme satisfaction.

Deputy Recorder Cashwell shifted his quid to the portside of his face and pronounced without a tremor, "12 months." When Robert got his breath he stammered, "I appeal." "Very good," quoth his honor, "$500 bond." Then, although he affirmed that he was from Silver, S. C., Robert was forced to admit that he did not carry a sufficient amount of his home town's namesake on his person to meet the bond required.

"See to him, gaoler," admonished the literary judge as he called the next case.

With the exception of one drunk, all other cases were continued.

THE EMPTY JAIL.

(Written for The Star).

No longer does the doleful wail
From derelicts ascend,
Silent in the County Jail,
As passers by it wend—
There's not a prisoner in its cells,
It's full of emptiness,
Yet hear the tale it now tells
That's shorne of happiness:

"My confines have contained
The mighty and the low,
Some remained
'Till death struck its blow,
Others were but transient,
For months, weeks or days,
But most who left were penitent,
And promised to amend their ways.
Murderers have awaited the hangman's knot,
'Mid silence stepped in gloom,
That would have forestalled slash, blow or shot
That doomed them to their doom;
They made my walls their confidant,
Knowing the tales they'd pour,
Like talking to the distant,
Of them they'd hear no more;
One told me contrary
To what he swore in court,
That it was he and not Jerry
Who cut the old man's throat;
I've heard them curse their God,
Their country and fellow-man,
Themselves, also; but it was hard,
You nor I can understand—
The grief they suffered was intense.
Their minds became deranged,
So regard their sayings as 'nonsense;'
And when they are arraigned
Before the Lord on high,
He'll look upon each fallen one
And say: 'Pass him by'."

—ANONYMOUS.

GYM CLASSES BEGIN

Schedule Arranged for the Convenience of All Classes.

A fresh and renewed start for the New Year in any place of business means success but especially is this true regarding "the most important business of all," acquiring and maintaining one's health. Health is the basis of all happiness and success, without it men are failures regardless of apparent success.

The regular gymnasium classes at the Y. M. C. A. have started their New Year schedule and from present indications they shall be larger and more popular than ever. New members are coming in rapidly and lining up with one of the classes but there is always room for more. Put that New Year's resolution of yours into effect. Mr. Business man, invest in exercise and recreation and reap dividends of health and a hitherto unknown joy and capacity for work.

—Recorder George Harriss was confined to his room yesterday with a slight indisposition.

PRE-INVENTORY SALE
OF
Blankets and Comforts

The time of year when a little extra covering on the bed will feel comfortable is yet ahead of up. Before taking inventory in this department, we wish to reduce the stocks as low as possible. These are unusually low prices, and will not last longer than this week:

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$3.50 Comforts at $2.98
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Storekeeper: "Oh, I know, True Shape Socks."

BUSINESS WILMINGTON WILL HAVE NO NEW CHARTER FOR PRESENT

Representative L. Clayton Grant Instructed by Mass Meeting to Take No Action.

PROPOSED BILL IS TABLED

Also Voted Against Bill Providing Five Members of Board of Education.

Representative L. Clayton Grant by a practically unanimous vote of the 500 or more men attending a mass meeting in the county court house last night was asked not to introduce a bill in the present Legislature providing a new charter to give the city of Wilmington a commission form of government, but to leave the question open until a general State law has been enacted so that the people can have time to decide better what they want.

Representative Grant called the mass meeting for the purpose of finding out the wishes of the people and received emphatic instructions to the effect that those present last night are content for conditions to remain as they are for the present at least. The meeting adopted resolutions of commendation for the Representative for his action in bringing the question before the people for an expression of opinion.

Not only did the gathering go on record as opposing a change in the charter until a later date, but it also voted almost unanimously as opposing the increase of the number of members of the Board of Education from three to five, although the New Hanover Representative has already introduced a bill to that effect. After much discussion it was decided to take no action on the question of making a change in the distribution of the costs of the Recorder's court.

Other Matters Discussed.

While it was the consensus of opinion among the lawyers present that Representative Grant could not introduce any bill relating to the improvement of transportation over the Cape Fear river between Wilmington and Brunswick county, the meeting went on record by a unanimous vote as favoring an improved ferry service.

The meeting also endorsed the preparation of a bill providing for the submission to the people of an act for issuing bonds for a sum not exceeding $250,000 for the purpose of building a new High School building and the construction and equipment of other buildings, the different items for which the money is to be used to be written into the bill.

The Representative was further instructed that it met with the approval of the meeting to authorize the county commissioners to issue $17,000 in bonds for improvements to be made to the county work house and to fund an indebtedness already existing.

A resolution was passed stating it to be the sense of the meeting that no change be made in the ratio of appropriations made jointly by the city and county, providing they are to be found equitable.

Representative Grant's opposition to the placing of the chief of police and the chief of the fire department under the civil service regulations, as asked for by City Council, was approved by the meeting.

A resolution asking that Representative Grant be instructed to use his best efforts to secure an increase in the pensions of Confederate Veterans and their widows was adopted. The meeting also approved of the recommendation of Governor Craig that provision be made by the State for road maintenance by using the automobile tax for this purpose in order to secure the State's share of Federal aid.

Meeting Called to Order.

When Mr. D. J. Fergus called the gathering to order promptly at 8 o'clock, there was not a vacant seat in the house and a hundred or more men were standing. A week of discussion and rumors had set the minds of the people on edge and the air was electrified with a spirit of expectancy. Nobody seemed to know what the night would bring forth but every one was determined to be on hand when it happened. Upon motion of Mr. Fergus, motion was carried unanimously that Mr. S. A. Matthews be elected chairman of the meeting. He showed himself to be an admirable parliamentarian and kept things moving along splendidly, although he had to wrestle with some knotty rulings.

On motion of Claude C. Cashwell, Esq., representatives of the press were elected as secretaries. Later in the meeting a committee was authorized by the assemblage to be appointed to check up the newspapermen's account of the affair, check it, censor it and do whatever else might seem meet and proper in their judgment and then apprise Senator E. H. Cranmer as to their opinion of the work of the pencil pushers. Those upon whom is imposed this arduous task are Messrs. S. A. Matthews, J. S. Williams and S. J. Ellis.

Grant is Cheered.

Mr. S. A. Matthews upon assuming his duties made a short address in which he declared that he was there to represent the people and no faction. He took a shot at the local newspapers, declaring that even they are sometimes inconsistent, not to mention some few thousand Wilmingtonians, who have formed the habit of marching up the hill and then coming down faster than they went up. It was while Mr. Matthews was in the midst of his speech that Representative Grant came into the room and was loudly cheered.

"Let us wait until Mr. Grant has done something to criticise before we attack him," Mr. Fergus pleaded. "It doesn't make any difference what kind of government we get, if we don't get the right sort of men to run it, it isn't worth a row of pins. (vociferous plaause) I don't care who I make mad when I am doing my duty. As a citizen I want to say that the question of the form of the government for the city should be left to the people." (More applause).

Grant Speaks.

"When I was elected I promised I would do nothing without apprizing the people of what I intended to do and ascertain their wishes," declared Representative Grant as he advanced to the fray while the expectant throng looked on. "I came here to get your opinion on a bill that was sent to me. I feel that the humblest man in New Hanover has as much right to be heard as the man occupying the highest position. I proposed that every citizen of this city should be given an opportunity to be heard.

"I am not running away from anything. I am not ashamed of anything. I am not asking for forgiveness for anything. I challenge any man here to say that I have been derelict in my duty to the people in any way. I am here to find out your opinion."

Senator Cranmer's Letter.

At this juncture the Representative produced a letter from Senator Cranmer which he started to read but changed his mind and sent it over to the newspapersmen's table. Mr. Ira Cates read the letter which follows:

"To whom it may concern:

"On Thursday afternoon, 4th January, in the Hall of the House, Representative Grant handed me a document of about 23 pages, which is now in my possession, being a proposed amendment to the charter of Wilmington, making radical changes in the form of city government, and naming three commissioners to hold office until 1919. Mr. Grant stated he did not draw the measure, and had not read it, and expressed a desire to discuss it. We arranged for a conference after adjournment og House, and the same afternoon we talked in a general way about the matter for about an hour. Mr. Grant stated that he was going to Wilmington Saturday, in order to be present at a mass meeting of his constituents, to be held Saturday night, and discuss the proposed legislation. He did not state to me it was his intention to introduce the bill, but did state that one of the names therein would be in no bill introduced by him.

"I suggested to Mr. Grant that he have the bill printed, or mimeographed, and distributed in Wilmington, which he thought too coatly, and said he would take the bill with him, and read it at the meeting, and that his future action would be governed by the mass meeting.

"I have not found it necessary to threaten to hold up, in the Senate, any

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COUNTY DEATH RATE STEADILY DECLINING

According To Annual Report Of Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt

Health Officer's Report, Which Will be Submitted to Health Board Monday, Shows No Deaths From Six Diseases in 1916.

The annual report of Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, which will be submitted Monday afternoon to the consolidated boards of health of the city and county, shows a steady decline in the death rate in the city and county not only over the previous year but also for the past six years. It also shows the lowest death rate from malaria in the history of the entire county, including the city.

In the introductory paragraph to the report it is pointed out that "The activities of the past year have been very much increased over those of any other year of our public health work, and I can safely say," Dr. Nesbitt states, "that no previous year gives us results which are so permanent and important and such as to cause so much gratification."

The report states that there were no deaths in the entire county, including the city, from diphtheria, whooping cough, scarlet fever, measles or infantile paralysis. This is regarded as a most remarkable showing.

A comparison with previous years shows that 1916 gave the lowest death rate from malaria in the history of the county and city, it being 5.2 for both in 1916.

In 1904, the death rate from malaria alone was 206.1 per 100,000. During the past year the death rate from this disease was 3.08. The reduction in the pellagra death rate is also remarkable, it having dropped from 64.6 to 21.5 in 1916 as compared with the preceding year.

The death rate for tuberculosis was 163.2 in 1915, was reduced to 129.3 in 1916, while in 1911 the death rate from this disease aggregated 244.67 per 100,000.

The steady decline in the death rate since 1911 for both resident whites and blacks and also for non-residents, which are included under the caption, "Total", is shown in the following table:

	Whites	Colored	Total
1911	294	463	781
1912	221	380	637
1913	210	359	611
1914	264	380	657
1915	197	335	599
1916	173	270	511

The foregoing is regarded as a fine showing, as the death rate has been steadily decreasing, although the population has increased. The white population increased from 13,627 in 1911, to 17,735 in 1916; while the colored population increased from 12,121 in 1911, to 14,735 in 1916. The total population in the city and county increased from 25,748 in 1911 to 32,473 in 1916.

1,000 Free Patients

The report shows that nearly 1,000 patients or, to be exact, 818 patients, were sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital by the Health Department during the year and secured free treatment. This was at the rate of about three patients a day.

At the Red Cross sanitarium, 47 new tuberculosis patients were admitted, four discharged as cured, 18 discharged as benefited, while only 19 died during the year.

Goats Eaten as Mutton.

Dr. Nesbitt states in connection with the inspection of food animals that it was disclosed that during the year the people of Wilmington ate 67 goats as "mutton."

The figures given in the report with respect to food animals inspected show that they aggregated 13,056 during the year, of which number 7,857 were hogs.

The report also shows that 8,674 tons of trash, 667 tons of slops and garbage from the kitchen, and 66 large animals were destroyed at the incinerator at an average cost of 41.9 cents per ton.

LOCAL BILLS ARE IN LEGISLATIVE HOPPER

Representative Grant Answers Criticisms of Proposed Bill.

New Hanover Representative Discusses Opposition to Amendment to City Charter and Naming of City Commissioners.

Representative L. Clayton Grant, member of the Legislature from New Hanover country, thinks that a large majority of the people who are protesting against the bill for a form of commission government for Wilmington are people who have never supported him; that the opposition is not to commission form but to the naming of the commissioners in the bill. Bills increasing the members of the County Board of Education and providing 8-hour law for railroad employes here have already been introduced by the New Hanover representative.

Representative Grant, who returned from Raleigh yesterday morning, was seen in the afternoon by a Star man at his office on Princess street. The New Hanover representative stated that he expected to return to Raleigh tonight and carry out the wishes of the people as expressed at the mass meeting last night in the even that they should give expression to their will.

The interview with the legislator was in the nature of a question and answer affair, in which he discussed in the frankest and most direct manner the various objections which have been made to the proposed legislation. With the reporter's questions omitted for the most part, Mr. Grant made the following statement of his ideas, views and plans on the foregoing subject:

"A large majority of the people who are protesting against the proposed legislation, are people who never supported me, and, in my opinion, the remainder are largely officeholders who are interested in retaining their positions.

"If the mass meeting tonight should recommend anything to me, I think I would be justified in carrying out their recommendations, and it seems to me the opposition ought to 'shut up' after the people have expressed themselves.

"I find that the opposition, and it does not seem to me that there is any great amount of it, is not to commission form of city government, but to the naming of the city commissioners in the bill.

"I have no disposition to impose anything on the people that they do not want. I am willing for the people to name the commissions at tonight's mass meeting. However, I would not name anyone for the position that would not be likely to administer the affairs of the city in a proper and efficient manner."

Asked if he thought a mass meeting was an adequate way of getting an expresion of the will of the people, Mr. Grant replied that he did. He added that even if the legislation and the naming of the commissioners were submitted to a vote of the people of the city, only a small proportion of the voters would go to the polls, and hence, in his opinion, the objection that only a few hundred people could get into the court house, was not a valid one.

As to Precedents.

Asked if he knew of any precedent for the proposal that he or the Legislature should name the men who are to compose the city's government without first submitting the proposition to a vote of the people, Representative Grant replied that he could not recall any, but that he was of the opinion that such precedents could easily be found. Continuing, he said:

"If I didn't care to abide by the will of the people, I could pass any bill amending the city charter which I wanted to, so far as the House is concerned.

"The bill which I will introduce to amend the existing city charter, in the event that this action is endorsed by the meeting tonight ,simply proposes to amend the charter so as to enlarge and define the powers and privileges of the mayor and to limit the members of the board to two other men besides the mayor, who will be known as city commissioners. It also requires that the commissioners shall give bond.

"The bill also provides that all legislative and executive power of the city of a law-making and administrative nature shall be placed in the hands of these three men.

"I am convinced that the people of Wilmington are in favor of commission government. I think the people of this city are not in sympathy with the kind of administration of city affairs which they now have.

Asked as to whether it would be possible to get the legislation amending the city charter through the mill before January 10th when the constitutional amendments prohibiting strictly local legislation take effect, Mr. Grant stated that it is not necessarily a roll-call bill upon which the yeas and nays have to be recorded, and that practically the only requirement is that it shall be ready three times . It can be put through in about 20 minutes or less time, he thought.

Local Bills Introduced.

Representative Grant stated that he had introduced several such bills in the House. He said that he had introduced a bill providing for an increase in the membership of the County Board of Education from three to five members, the new members to serve for terms of four years each. The bill does not carry the names of the men who will be appointed to the positions. Mr. Grant stated that he had not decided whom he would name to these positions. Provision will be made for their appointment in the "Omnibus bill" which will be passed later.

Another measure introduced by the New Hanover representative is a bill providing that all clerks and other official employes in New Hanover county employed by railroads shall be paid twice a month.

A third bill introduced by Mr. Grant during the past week provides a standard eight-hour working day for all clerks and other office employes in New Hanover county employed by railroads. Mr. Grant thinks that the foregoing bills, which affect approximately 1,000 clerks and employes in the employ of the Coast Line here, stand a favorable chance of becoming laws.

LAY CORNERSTONE OF CHURCH OF COVENANT

Impressive Ceremonies Marked the Exercises Held Yesterday.

New Church is Gift to Community Made by Messrs. James and William H. Sprunt as a Memorial to Their Parents.

Simple but impressive ceremonies marked the laying of the cornerstone of the new Presbyterian church—the Church of the Covenant—now in process of construction at 15th and Market streets, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. This church was given to the people of the community of the section in which it is located by Messrs. James Sprunt and William H. Sprunt as a memorial to their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sprunt.

Short and appropriate exercises were held, which were featured by the reading of a sketch of the life and work of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, which was prepared by Mr. B. F. Hall. It constituted a splendid tribute to their character and life work.

Those in attendance at the exercises included the members of the immediate families of the donors and the members of the families of the building committee. The membership of the new church will consist, at first at least, of the members of the First church and St. Andrew's church, who live in the section of the city in which the new church is located.

The exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Both Dr. Wells and Dr. McClure read short passages from the Scripture. The singing of the Doxology followed, and the exercises were closed with the benediction which was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Wells.

The architect of the new church building is Mr. Kenneth Murchison, of New York City, with whom is associated Mr. James F. Gause, of this city. The contract for the construction of the building was let to Messrs. Rhodes & Underwood. The stone for the building was brought here from New Hampshire quarries, and was furnished by Mr. J. H. Niggel.

An interesting discovery made in connection with the laying of the cornerstone was that two of the masons were Scotchmen and came from Mr. Alexander Sprunt's native home, Perthshire. The work on the building is proceeding rapidly, the walls now being practically ready for the placing of the roof.

The building committee is composed of the following: Messrs. C. W. Woodward, W. D. McCraig, J. O. Carr, Esq., and E. C. Holt, representing the First church, and Messrs. J. K. Wylie, James Mann, Fred L. Pearsall and Dr. R. H. Slocum, representing St. Andrew's church.

"LITTLE GIRL IN A BIG CITY" PLEASED FAIR SIZED AUDIENCE

Drama of New York's Snares Was Well Received Here.

The snares and pitfalls that infest the streets of a great city, to entrap the unwary country girl who ventures alone within its depths, were vividly depicted to a fair sized but appreciative audience at both matinee and evening performances of "A Little Girl in a Big City" at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and night.

There was a strain of humor running through the story despite its solemn and serious setting, that was irresistibgle. The homely remarks of Eck Jones brought roars of laughter, although the scene where it was enacted was more adaptable to weeping.

Miss Florence Davenport in the role of Laura Nelson, was superb. She radiated the dewey freshness of the sweet scented clover fields with a quaint charm that was inimitable. Miss Rachel Renard as Margaret, and Miss Pearl L. Ford as Genevieve Brascomb, the hardened woman of the world, also enacted their roles in good form. As humorists Mr. Lyle Harvey, as Eck Jones, and Mr. Fred R. Hoadley as Schmutz, were good.

Owing to the fact that the play deals with the white slave traffic, no children under 16 years of age were admitted.

SPECIAL SERMON TONIGHT

Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton Will Deliver One of Series at St. James.'

Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton's theme at the people's service at St. James' Episcopal church tonight at 7:30 o'clock will be "The Demands and Rewards of Labor." A discussion of this subject, especially at this time of acute social unrest, must be of the utmost interest to all who are in any way interested in the controversy going on between capital and labor, and especially to those who are vitally interested in the final outcome of this controversy . A special invitation is extended to all such persons to this service.

Next Sunday night, Dr. Milton will deliver the last of this series of sermons on "The Church's Attitude Toward Social Reforms."

FUNERAL OF MR. BARLOW.

Remains of East Wilmington Man Interred at Oakdale.

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. E. F. Barlow, who died at his home in East Wilmington early Friday morning, were conducted from the residence at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor of the Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church. Interment was made with Masonic honors at Oakdale cemetery.

The following acted as pall-bearers: Honorary, Messrs. J. H. Watters, H. C. Blake, Oscar Pearsall, E. Mann, T. J. Gore, J. O. Brown; active, Messrs. Henderson Cole, J. Mercer Taylor, H. E. Longley, F. E. Koonce, S. M. Boatright, D. K. LeGwin.

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SAFEGUARDING HEIRS

Practically every individual who owns property has some particular plans in mind for its final disposition.

Two things are necessary to insure their fulfilment—a will indicating your wishes, and the appointment of an executor fully competent to carry out its terms.

Our officers make no charge for writing wills in which this institution is named as executor.

We invite you to call.

OLD AND STRONG

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS.

NOTICE!

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

Will be Held at the Company's Offices, 110 Princess Street, in the City of Wilmington, N. C., at 11 o'Clock, A. M., Wednesday, January 10th.

J. L. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

FIELD SECRETARY COMING

Mr. Wyatt A. Taylor, Prominent Christian Endeavor Worker, Will be in Wilmington Tuesday.

Mr. Wyatt A. Taylor, one of the field secretaries of the Christian Endeavor movement in the South, will be in Wilmington on Tuesday of this week for meetings that afternoon and night. At 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon he will meet with the Junior Societies of the city and East Wilmington in the First Presbyterian church and at 8 o'clock that night he will address the young people's societies at Immanuel Presbyterian church, corner Front and Queen streets.

Mr. Taylor has just finished tours in the states of South Carolina and Virginia and before leaving North Carolina he will have spoken in about 50 towns and cities. Mr. Taylor is just beginning his tour of the State, starting in Wilmington, which is recognized as the most prominent Christian Endeavor center in the State.

These meetings in this city will be held under the auspices of the Wilmington Christian Endeavor Union, composed of societies in the Presbyterian and Christian churches, but a most cordial invitation is also extended to members of other young people's organizations and to all interested. All Endeavorers are especially urged to be present, for the meetings promise to be most interesting and instructive.

Mr. Taylor is touring certain states in the South in the interest of the movement to extend and strengthen the work of the Christian Endeavor movement. Starting out to organize 1,000 new societies in the Southern states in five years, in 16 months of that time there have been 1,028 new organizations reported. The North Carolina Union now has a membership of about 240 societies.

MR. J. B. HART GOES TO NORFOLK TO TAKE POSITION.

Superintendent of Armour Fertilizer Works Receives Promotion.

Mr. J. B. Hart, superintendent for the past two years of the Armour Fertilizer Works in Wilmington, has resigned this position and will leave tomorrow night for Norfolk, Va., where he will become superintendent of the Robinson Fertilizer Company of that city. Mr. Hart came to Wilmington from Atlanta, Ga., and during his residence in this city has made a host of friends who will regret to see him leave.

Mr. Hart's new position is with one of the largest fertilizer concerns in Norfolk and in accepting it he receives a promotion to more responsibility than he had in Wilmington.

PLANS FOR PACKING HOUSE ARE RAPIDLY MATERIALIZING

Active Work of Construction Will be Begun Within 60 Days.

With the taking over of the abattoir property in the northeastern section of the city and the first call made on the stockholders for the first payment on subscribed stock, the Carolina Packing House Company is rapidly developing from a theoretical enterprise into a material industry.

Mr. W. W. Love, president of the company, announced yesterday that the abattoir property had been taken over, and that plans for the erection of a modern $65,000 packing house would begin immediately and would be completed within a month. Active construction work will begin immediately upon the completion of the plans.

The work will be in charge of Mr. C. L. Brooks, an engineer of Moultrie, Ga., who will build the plant and operate it for one year, in order to give the local operators an idea as to the correct methods of management. The plant will have a capacity of 150 hogs and 30 cattle daily.

Stomach ills

permanently disappear after drinking the celebrated Shivar Mineral Water. Positively guaranteed by money-back offer. Tastes fine; costs a trifle. Delivered anywhere by our Wilmington Agents. Elvington's Pharmacy, Cor 2nd and Princess Sts.

CLEAN UP WEEK

We Have Just Finished Our Annual Inventory and Find Several Odd Lots of Seasonable Merchandise in Almost Every Department That We Wish to Close Out and During This Entire Week We Will Feature Odds and Ends. The Prices Will be Ridiculously Low. Come In and See if There Isn't a Few You Want.

Ladies' Ready Trimmed Hats at 48c
Just a few, to close out; both felt and velvet shapes, carried over from last season; values up to $5.00; now priced 48c.

Children's Underwear at 15c
Knit shirts and drawers; 25 and 35c. values; only one or two garments of a kind; now 25c.

Ladies' Underwear at 25c
Ladies' vests and pants; both cotton and wool; slightly soiled; values up to 75c; now 25c.

Ladies' Suits Half Price
We've only 24 suits left. They are all the season's best styles and well assorted in size and colors; ranged in price from $7.95 to $50.00. Now prices Half Off regular price.

Ladies' and Children's Serge Dresses at $1.95
This is a little lot carried over from last season, and the qualities are excellent; values up to $7.50; priced now at $1.95.

Baby Caps at 10c
Values 25c and 50c; both winter and summer weights; carried over; some are slightly soiled; priced to close, at 10c.

Men's Dress Shirts at 48c
Values from 65c to $1.00. Some are slightly soiled and some are off styles; all sizes; price to close, at 48c.

Men's Underwears at 29c
Ribbed shirts and drawers; only a few sizes; values 35 to 65c.; now priced at 29c.

Boys' Cloth Hats at 39c
This season's best styles, in all colors and sizes; cloth or leatherette crown; all 50c values; now 39c.

Long Silk and Lisle Gloves at 39c
Worth $1.00 and $1.50 pair; quite an assortment of light shades; priced to close, at 39c.

Children's Hose at 19c
25c Cadet Hose; black only, and just the small and medium sizes; priced 19c.

Ladies' House Dresses at 69c
Blue and gray striped gingham dresses; elbow sleeves; round collar; all sizes, at 69c.

Ladies' Sweaters at $1.39
$5.00 values in white only; small and medium sizes; Byron collars; priced at $1.39.

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Ruth Pleasants is spending a few days in Baltimore.

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Miss Essie Mae Truitt, of Mill Creek, is spending some time in the city with friends and relatives.

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Miss Annie Utley left yesterday morning for Raleigh, where she will visit for several days.

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Miss Lucile Page, who has been spending some time in Richmond, Va., is expected to return home tonight.

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Mrs. J. C. McAllister and children, of Fayetteville, who have been visiting in the city, have returned home.

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Miss Ida Hankins, returned missionary from Korea, left yesterday for Smithfield, where she will deliver an address.

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St. Pauls Messenger: "Miss Sallie McLaurin, of Wilmington, spent a part of the holidays with Mrs. J. A. McGeachy."

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Miss Maude Hooten, of Belhaven, who is teaching at Atkinson, has returned to her school after visiting Miss Grace Bowen in this city.

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Miss Agnes MacRae has returned to Vassar College to resume her studies, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacRae.

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Mr. Oliver Pendleton Meares, who has been spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. E. D. Batzer, has returned to his home in Southwest, Ga.

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Mr. Andrew Harriss, Jr., who has been spending the holidays in Wilmington, will leave tonight for Woodberry Forest School in Virginia to resume his studies.

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The last meeting of the Week of Prayer service was held at the First Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. O. B. Hinnant was the principal speaker.

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Miss Preshy Hurst entertained a number of young people at the home of Mrs. P. S. Vaughn, No. 402 1-2 North Front street, Friday evening, in celebration of her fifteenth birthday. She was the recipient of a number of handsome presents.

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Clinton Democrat: "Mr. T. G. Jones, of Wilmington, came the past week to make a visit to relatives in the county.———Mrs. T. A. Lawther and children, of Wilmington, recently visited relatives in Clinton.———Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cashwell, of Wilmington, recently visited relatives and friends in and near Clinton.———Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Hargrove and children, of Wilmington, recently made a visit to relatives in Clinton.———Miss Josephine Harris, of Wilmington, recently visited friends in Clinton."

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Whiteville News Reporter: "Miss Maude Hasty, the pretty and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hasty, of the Pine Log community, was married Saturday evening to Mr. Edward A. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is principal of the New Hope school. She is deservedly popular. Mr. Johnson holds a responsible position with the Atlantic Coast Line and is well known throughout the county.———Mr. Eugene Humphreys, of Roanoke, Va., and Criss Butterman, of Wilmington, were guests of Messrs. John and Sandy Carter the first of the week.———Mrs. S. T. Black, who was recently operated upon in the hospital in Wilmington, is improving rapidly according to the latest reports."

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Warsaw Record: "Mrs. J. P. Wilson and children have returned from Wilmington, where they have been visiting relatives.———Miss Mary Clemmons, of Wilmington, and Miss May Picket, of Magnolia, were guests of Miss Margaret Barden last week.———Dr. J. M. Williams spent Wednesday of this week in Wilmington attending the meeting of the third district medical society. He reports an interesting meeting.———Malcolm Rogers, the little son of Mrs. Walter Carter, has been carried to Wilmington for treatment.———Mr. Archie Johnson, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town with friends.——Misses Estelle and Berta Cox and F. B. Cox, of Wilmington, visited Miss Bettie Cox last week."

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Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 6.—Miss Lauranda Hooks, accompanied by Miss Annie Laurie Lawrence, of Tarboro, and Misses Lucile Collins and Carrie Duffy Wooten, of Kinston, who were the guests this week of Miss Hooks in this city, left Thursday afternoon to resume their studies in the State Normal College in Greensboro. Quite a number of young people of the city, with whom Miss Hooks is a general favorite, gave her a storm party New Year's night which was a most enjoyable occasion.—During the holidays a surprise marrige to friends in this city was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Fannie Smith, of this county, New Hope township, on the evening of December 24, when her young and popular daughter, Miss Rosa, became the bride of Mr. Edgar Barwick, of this city, Rev. W. A. Piland, officiating.

INVITATIONS ISSUED FOR DEWEY-HASHAGEN WEDDING

Handsomely engraved invitations have been issued reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Hashagen request the pleasure of your company at the wedding reception of their daughter
Esther Danvers
and
Mr. Brownrigg Hefferron Dewey
Saturday evening, the twentieth of January
at half after five o'clock
Five hundred and seventeen Orange Street
Wilmington, North Carolina.

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WHITEVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB HELD INTERESTING MEETING

Whiteville, N. C., Jan. 6.—The monthly meeting of the Literary Department of the Woman's club was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. E. Powell. After a short business session, an interesting programme was given as follows: Sketch of the life of Edwin W. Fuller by Mrs. R. J. Powell; Story from O. Henry, "The Gift of the Magi", and remarks on the life of the author, by Mrs. Seth L. Smith. Biographical sketch of Christian Reid, by Mrs. A. E. Powell.

The home was beautifully decorated with its Christmas garnishings, one feature being a "Wishing Tree" from which each one present received a unique greeting and wishes for the coming year from the hostess. Much merriment was produced by the reading of New Year's Resolutions found on a "new leaf" which each guest was asked to turn over.

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CHORAL SOCIETY WILL RESUME REHEARSALS TOMORROW NIGHT

The Wilmington Choral Society will meeting at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the Elks' Hall on North Front street, to resume work on the oratorio "Elijah." Rehearsals were omitted during the holidays, but the enthusiasm of the members has been kept up. The society is to take up a series of splendid musical numbers apart from the oratorio work, and in order to insure marked progress in these from the start, Director E. H. Munson expects a large attendance.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS NOTES FROM SOUTHPORT

Southport, N. C., Jan. 6.—The past week, after the many parties and social gatherings of the holidays, was naturally dull, for many had left or were preparing to leave, who had been home for the holidays from college, school or where they were at work.

The Pig Iron Bridge club was delightfully entertained on Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Warren Hood, Jr., the evening being greatly enjoyed by the members present.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Haight, who have been visiting in the North for several weeks, have returned here.

Mr. Ed C. Newton, who has been visiting relatives, has returned to Edenton.

Mr. Will Bellamy St. George has accepted a position in Richmond, Va., and left this week for that city.

Miss Ruth and Mr. W. M. Shaw, Jr., who have been visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Shaw, have returned to their new homes.

Last night there was an enjoyable party of young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. St.George.

Mr. L. V. Lacy, of the W. B. & S. railroad, Mrs. Lacy and little daughter have gone for a few weeks' visit to the home of Mr. Lacy's parents, near Americus, Ga.

Miss Elizabeth Davis left this week for the State Normal, at Greensboro, after spending the noildays here.

Senator Edward H. Cranmer, of Brunswick and New Hanover counties, left early in the week to take up his duties in the General Assembly, now in session at Raleigh.

Miss Bessie Newton, her many friends here will be sorry to learn, has gone to take a position in Wilmington. She will be missed by those who were accustomed to greet her daily at the postoffice here.

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THE SHAW-LOGAN WEDDING WAS PRETTY HOME EVENT

The marriage of Miss Grace Duerr Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilbert Logan, and Mr. Heman Summerell Shaw, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Shaw, which took place at the home of the bride in LeRoy, N. Y., on Wednesday, December 27th, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, was a beautiful home event and was attended by many friends and relatives.

The impressive ring ceremony of the Episcopal church was performed by Rev. Dr. Pierre Cushing, rector of St. John's church, of LeRoy. The vows were said before an improivised altar which had been artistically and prettily decorated with Southern smilax, pines and lillies. The other house decorations were of the same nature, providing a striking background with the soft glow of many candles.

Previous to the wedding a variety of selections was rendered by Kavenaugh's orchestra and as the bridal party entered the familiar strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin were rendered. Mendelssohn's wedding March was used for the recessional.

Miss Miriam Logan, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She was dressed in light green satin and carried Killarney roses. Mr. W. M. Shaw, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a lovely creation of white satin and carried a shower bouquet of orchids, lilies of the valley and bride roses. Her only ornament was a brooch of sapphires and pearls.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home after which refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw left early in the evening for their bridal tour to points in Canada and to Eastern cities. They left amid showers of rice, taking a sleigh to the depot to board the train

There were a number of delightful pre-nuptial social events in honor of the wedding, one of the most enjoyable of which was a dinner given by the bride's parents at 2 o'clock on the day of the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw will make their home at Haverford, Penn., where the groom is a member of the faculty of the Haverford school. The bride, who is pleasantly remembered in Wilmington as a former member of the High School faculty, is a most charming and accomplished young woman with a host of admiring friends. The groom is a native of Wilmington and was for several years principal of the High School here. Since his graduation from Davidson college, he has been engaged in educational work and achieved splendid success in his chosen work.

Among the out-of-town guests present at the wedding were: Prof. and Mrs. Alvan Duerr, uncle and aunt of the bride, of Cornwall-on-the Hudson, N. Y.; Miss Ruth Shaw, sister of the groom, of Wilmington; Mr. Harry Shaw, brother of the groom, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Ball and daughter, Miss Mary Ball, of Albion, N. Y.

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BARBECUE GIVEN IN HONOR OF SHERIFF AMMONS, OF COLUMBUS

(Whiteville News Reporter).

Monday morning, New Year's Day, about 45 of the warm friends and admirers of Sheriff John O. Ammons drove out to the Forney Richardson mill pond and had a fine old fashioned barbecue in the sheriff's honor. The occasion was the idea of Messrs. G. E., Jabel and Pink Gore, to whom too much praise cannot be given for the successful carrying out of the programme of the day.

Mr. E. J. McRacken presided at the

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TREE SURGERY EXPERTS HERE

Member of City Tree and Park Commission Calls Attention to Valuable Work Being Done in City

The operations of the Davey tree experts who were doing some surgical work on the trees in front of the residence of Capt. Donald MacRae on South Third street yesterday, according to a member of the Wilmington Tree and Park Commission, should serve to call the attention of citizens to the saving of their trees from decay.

In this connection, it was pointed out that little decayed places can be quickly treated by a tree surgeon, but if neglected the process of rotting continues rapidly, the cost of saving the trees increases at the rate of from 10 to 25 per cent each year. Many trees which present an outward healthy appearance are in critical condition because of internal decay. A little chiseling will often reveal such a condition to a tree surgeon at once.

Millions of fine trees die anually, according to experts in tree surgery, simply because the average person is unable to see the presence of disease and decay before it is too late to save the tree's life.

In this connection, the member of the City Tree and Park Commission referred to above, made the following statement in which he commended the members of City Council for the interest which they have manifested in conserving the trees and ornamental shrubbery of the city:

"The members of the City Council are to be highly commended for the interest which they have manifested in the establishment and maintenance of playgrounds and parks as recreational centers. They have, also, taken a deep interest in whatever plans have been presented for further beautifying of streets and plazas, conserving the trees and ornamental shrubbery of the city.

"Favorable comment has been made upon the improvement of the Market street plaza between Third and Fourth, by the planting af palmettoes and the placing of olives around the base of the George Davis monument.

"The contract for pruning, cleaning and trimming, and filling cavities of the trees on Third street has been in progress during the past ten days. This work has been done by MacInnes and Lynch, who have taken much pride in giving the city a demonstration of what can be done with a block of old and hitherto neglected trees.

"Many of the trees in this plaza are known to be more than one hundred years old, and through all these years have received but very little attention. Several wagon loads of dead and partially decayed timber, mistletoe and other fungus growth have been taken from the trees and removed. Many passersby have stopped to witness the process of tree surgery, which included the cleaning out of all decayed material, then treatment with pine tar compound, and the possibility of any further destruction by weather guarded against by the filling of the cavity with cement, which comes even with the surface of the bark so that it conforms to the healing line of the inner bark, which experience has shown will soon begin to grow over.

"Every tree in the block has received the kind of treatment which its future welfare requires. This operation makes a brief chapter in the life of these ancient trees. The attention which has been given them looks good to those of our city who love trees and appreciate them for their utility as well as for their artistic value.

SANTA CLAUS BROUGHT GOOD CHEER TO THE PATIENTS.

Inmates of Red Cross Sanitarium Were Remembered During Christmas.

The patients at the Red Cross Sanitarium were remembered by many friends during the Christmas holidays. Santa Claus brought the yuletide cheer to their hearts and made it a very enjoyable season for them. A turkey dinner with all the proper accessories was furnished by the members of the Red Cross. Each patient was given an individual Christmas tree laden with presents and good things to eat. The following donations were made during December, for which the Red Cross Society wishes to express its grateful thanks:

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hall, a Regina Victrola and five records; a friend, cushioners for chairs; Mr. and Mrs. Heyer, one gallon ice cream; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parsley, $5 for Christmas dinner and $5 for New Year's; Mrs. D. L. Gore, one dozen wool steamer blankets; Mr. Henry Solomon, one box oranges; Mr. and Mrs. Jacobi, bushel of apples and box of cakes; Mr. Jacobi, collar set for matron; Mrs. Whitted and class of Earnest Workers, one can peaches, box of raisins, package of apples and oranges.

There are now nine patients at the sanitarium, three white men, three white women and three colored men.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, steward and matron, and also Mrs. Wheatley, R. N., desire to express their appreciation to the Red Cross Society and their friends for their kind remembrance at Christmas and to wish for all a happy and prosperous New Year.

NEW BERN IS PLEASED

Restoration of Daily Train Service Cheering News.

The following editorial comment from Friday's New Bern Sun-Journal will be of interest to Wilmington people, who with their New Bern brethren are rejoicing over the restoration of daily train service between the two cities:

"The news to the effect that the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company is planning to resume its daily service between New Bern and Wilmington next month, was the most cheering bit of information that we have heard lately.

"When this service was discontinued 'on account of the war,' New Bern business men and the citizens in general, knew that it would hurt the city and their fears proved to be well founded, and local business interests have been injured on this account.

"However, the daily service is soon to be resumed and we believe that it will be continued indefinitely."

Orchestra at Sunday School.

An orchestra will open the services at the Calvary Baptist Sunday school this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and will render several selections while the school is assembling. This is a feature of the Calvary school's plan to arouse enthusiasm in the work and to increasing their attendance. They are contesting with the Delgado Sunday school for the lead in attendance during January.

TO HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION

Three Local Lodges of Pythians Will Have Public Celebration Next Thursday Night.

Members of Stonewall, No. 1; Clarendon, No. 2, and Jefferson, No. 61, lodges of the Knights of Pythias will hold a public joint installation of officers at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the Pythian Castle Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend, and a good time is promised to all. Rev. Dr. John J. Hurt will deliver the address.

The following acted on a committee of arrangements in perfecting the plans for the occasion: Messrs. J. D. Kelley, chairman; F. E. Little, F. S. Garrison, J. H. Gerdes, T. E. Cromartie and C. E. Haskett.

The programme is as follows:
Music.
Prayer, Rev. W. G. Hall.
Music.
Installation of Officers.
Introduction of Speaker.
Address, Rev. Dr. John Jeter Hurt.
Music.

The grand lodge officers are: Col. Walker Taylor, G. C.; Mr. John Haar, G. V. C.; Capt. Thomas D. Meares, G. P.; Mr. G. B. Moore, G. M. at A; Maj. Joseph W. Little, G. M. of W.; Mr. H. E. Bonitz, G. K. of R. and S.; Mr. J. A. McNorton, G. M. of F.; Mr. W. D. Jones, G. M. of E.; Mr. W. C. Smith, G. O. G.; Mr. McB. Wilson, G. I. G.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Calvin Wells has returned to Washington & Lee University at Lexington, Va.

—Mr. Louis Bornemann has returned to Roanoke College in Virginia to resume his studies.

—Mr. Robert S. DeRossett has returned to Chapel Hill, where he will resume his studies in the State University.

—Mr. S. D. Lucas, district manager of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, has returned from a visit of ten days to his old home near Georgetown, S. C.

—Mr. Archie G. Warren, Jr., has returned to Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., to resume his studies, after spending the holidays in the city with his parents.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were Henry Holt, Jr., Southport; J. B. Stanley, Kernersville; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, Bolton; A. H. Rennie, Charlotte; C. B. Hahns, Councils.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were Iver Robeson, Fayetteville; M. S. Richardson, LaGrange; E. A. Matthews, Fayetteville; Thomas W. Barson, W. E. Putnam, Ft. Caswell.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Texas Oil Company are having several of the latest model Ford runabouts painted a brilliant red, for the use of their solicitors.

—The 64th annual meeting of the lot owners of Oakdale cemetery will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening in the company's offices in the Odd Fellows' building.

OPENS OFFICES HERE.

Dr. L. J. Meredith Locates in Wilmington to Practice Dentistry.

Dr. L. J. Meredith, who has been a resident of this city since his boyhood and who has been practicing dentistry in Whiteville for the past four years, has opened offices here in rooms Nos. 304 and 305 on the third floor of the Southern building, for the practice of dentistry.

Dr. Meredith is a graduate of the Atlanta Dental College of the class of 1912. He has built up a very successful practice in Whiteville, but as he wished to move back to his native city, he decided to sell out his practice there and move to Wilmington.

Mrs. Annie G. Gardner Dead.

Many Wilmington friends, especially among the older residents, will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Annie G. Gardner, relict of the late Capt. Junius Gardner, of Wilmington, which occurred last night. None of the immediate family now reside in Wilmington, but she has a number of grandchildren in Baltimore; also a nephew, Mr. Tom Hyman, of New Bern. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the services will probably be held some time this afternoon from the lodge in Oakdale cemetery.

Mr. Coleman to Speak.

Mr. R. J. Coleman, a member of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., will be the speaker at the meeting of the Boys' League of the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. George Haskett will also render a solo.

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DIED

BURR—In Flushing, Long Island, N. Y., January 2nd, 1917, Alva B. Burr, son of the late Col. James and Mary Anna Burr. Interment will take place there.

STYLES
And Old Broken Pieces

¶The pins you find in a corner of the safe may be dusty, broken and out of shape.

¶Years ago they were beautiful and treasured, and they are just as good today.

Fine Jewelry Scarcely Depreciates With Passing Time

¶The locket a grand parent wore is just as pretty today, if it is reworked in the manner necessary.

Designs and Estimates Cordially Submitted.

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Y. W. C. A. Notes.

THINK IT OVER

Do you judge by appearance?
Are you pious?
Lou you think love or hate is the stronger?
Are you an individual or one of the crowd?

Calendar for the Week.

Tuesday:
Finance committee, 11 A. M.
Extention committee, 10 A. M.
Annual meeting, 8 P. M.
Wednesday:
Membership committee, 11 A. M.
Menu committee of the Helen Alexander League.
Menu committee of the Social and House committees, 12 M.
Thursday:
Board of directors meeting, 10 A. M.
Helen Alexander League meeting and supper, 6 P. M. Address by Mrs. Andrew Howell.
Talk—Our New Year's Resolutions.
Friday:
Meeting of the mothers of high school girls, 3:30 P. M.
Talks and social hour.
Country picnic, 7:30 P. M. Entire gym membership.

A Meeting for Mothers

On Friday afternoon at 3:30 there will be a meeting at the Y. W. C. A. planned especially to interest the mothers of girls of high school age. The association is very anxious to help these girls to appreciate the higher and better things of life and the help and support of the mothers is needed to carry out effectively the plans outlined. The meeting will ve bery informal with short talks by Miss Anderson and Miss Kendricks, followed by an informal discussion of problems with which mothers are daily confronted. Tea will be served and the remainder of the hour will be given over to social intercourse. Not only are mothers cordially invited but they are urged to be present, which will prove their interest in this phase of work of the association and which needs the co-operation of the mothers if it is to be successful.

Annual Meeting of Members.

The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. to which the entire membership is invited will take place in the gymnasium on Tuesday night at 8 P. M. Reports of the year's work presented by the officers in charge of departments and the election of board members to fill vacancies will be held.

The volley ball game and the exhibition of folk dancing which was given at the Y. M. C. A. on New Year's night will be repeated for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. members.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells will conduct the devotional exercises and make a short talk. Every member of the association is urged to be present and take this opportunity to become familiar with the work of the association and decide for herself if the work being done is worth while and to see what membership in the association means not only to her but what it means to lend support to such an institution in the community.

North Carolina Sorosis.

The regular monthly business meeting of the N. C. Sorosis was held Thursday afternoon with a large attendance. The Literature and Music Departments reported very full and interesting meetings held during the month. These departments are studying American composers and authors and have delightful and instructive programmes arranged for each meeting.

The Educational Committee presented the need of books for the libraries at the new schools and this committee will undertake to collect books and deliver them to the schols. The report of the Milk Station Committee showed that this work is now well established and is being supported by private subscription. The House Committee reported all the apartments in the club building are now rented.

The work of Mr. L. H. Putnam among the children of the State was endorsed and the club voted to give its undivided support to the advancement of certain work that will be undertaken in the interest of child welfare through legislation when an attempt will be made to raise the ages of protection which is now much lower than in many of the states an dalso that women and children be allowed to receive the wages of the fathers sentenced to a prison or road term.

Mr. Putnam is also interested with other sociay workers of the State in the establishment of a home for girls similar to the Stonewall Jackson Training School for boys. A joint committee from the Social Service Conference and the State Federation of Women's Clubs will present this bill to the Legislature now in session. Some other measures to be presented will be in connection with the child labor laws.

Sorosis renewed its membership in the Social Service Conference for the purpose of being united with the organized forces working to improve conditions in the State especially among the women and children. This conference meets in Raleigh January 24th and perhaps will be represented by a delegate. A very interesting meeting it will be for among its workers and speakers are the State's most gifted and intellectual citizens.

Travelers' Aid Work.

Mrs. E. M. Gregg, chairman of the Travelers' Aid Committee, read the reports of the two workers at the Union Station, the summary of which shows aid given to 400 persons during the month.

The report was interesting in detail and for reasons it cannot all be printed. It seems appalling the number of children that came under her observation who were traveling alone but who were given the proper attention. There were also a large number of women with children who were really too ill to have charge of them, most of them coming to the city to consult physicians or going to the hospitals for treatment.

All these cases were given assistance and oftimes young girls had to remain over night at the station and it was necessary for the worker to remain also. In many cases money ha dto be furnished for women and children to buy a meal because they arrive standed expecting to be met by relatives or friends who fail to meet them.

This work is being supported by many church and philanthropic organizations. The chairman has been made a member of the Social Service Committee of the State Federation which will endeavor to enlarge the scope of the work throughout the State by inducing all large towns to place a Travelers' Aid at the stations.

Literature Department

The Literature Department of Sorosis will hold its next meeting Thursday, January 11, and the programme is as follows:

"A Group of Typically American Humorists."

"An International Romance," by Henry James.

"The House of Mirth," by Edith Wharton.

"Van Bibber and Others," by Richard Harding Davis.

"Under the Apple Tree," by John Burroughs.

Music Department.

The Music Department of Sorosis will meet January 17th and the programme will consist of music from Nineteenth Century to the War Between the States. The proceeds from the Christmas entertainment at the Victoria will be used towards the purchase of a Victrola for the use of the department and of the club.

U. D. C. Notes.

The annual dinner to the veterans on Lee's birthday is an event looked forward to by the U. D. C. and is one of the many works undertaken as a labor of love on the part of those who strive to make the last years of the noble men who fought to defend the Southland happy and more comfortable.

The committee for the celebration of Lee's and Jackson's birthday of which Mrs. W. G. Whitehead is chairman has arranged for an appetizing dinner which which will be served in the Masonic Temple following the parade.

Preparations have been made for 60, and the menu will consist of stewed oysters, roast turkey, sandwiches and coffee. Cigars and tobacco will be distributed after the dinner. The veterans as well as the Daughters always look forward with pleasure to the annual event, in reality a reunion.

Church Meetings

The auxiliary of Trinity church lot fund will meet at the residence of Mrs. E. L. Prince on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The educational meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Each Wednesday in the month, women's meetings will be held in this church which has been organized into circles, each with its specific work.

There will be a meeting of the "Ursula Cotta Class" of St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday school this afternoon at 2:45. All members are urged to be present.

Wilmington Chapter National Special will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

Miss Taylor's Bible Class

There was held at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday morning a meeting of interested workers to plan for the Bible classes which will be held by Miss Taylor, of Moody Bible Institute, Chigo, shortly in this city.

Miss Taylor is said to have a wonderful knowledge of the Bible and is an excellent teacher. This will be an opportunity of a life time to those who enjoy the study of the Bible systematically ,and who thirst for more knowledge, to join this class. The secretary at the association will be glad to give any further information to those interested.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Fifth Avenue Methodist church will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the lecture room of the church.

Red Cross Society.

The president of the Red Cross Society urges the chairmen of the Red Cross Seal districts to make final reports at once in order that complete returns to headquarters can be made at an early date.

Meeting of Luther League.

The monthly business meeting of the Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran church was held Friday evening. All committees made their annual reports which were approved. All showed good gains over the past year. The following officrs were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Victor Stonebanks; vice president, Mr. Harry Merritt; recording secretary, Miss Lillie Mae Duls; corresponding secretary, Miss Margaret Schulken; treasurer, Miss Annie Oldenbuttel; pianist, Miss Marie Dreher.

SOCIAL

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table and welcomed the guests with such genial hospitality that the gathering voted him special thanks before the adjournment. The Messrs. Gore, also received a very warm vote of thanks. About the dinner enough cannot be said, but we are informed that there was enough to have fed 300 people, rather than the 50 for whom the dinner was planned. One whole pig was left untouched. Not knowing what else to do with the surplus of good things and having no more inner capacity the boys loaded themselves on the outside and went home in a state that resembled a grocer's delivery boy, just before Christmas.

The following gentlemen composed the gathering: J. B. Schulken, M. H. Schulken, Willie Schulken, E. M. Toon, W. E. Hammonds, S. T. Black, E. A. Maultsby, Lewis J. Spivey, Sheriff J. O. Ammons, Clarence Gore, Walter McRacken, Bennett McRacken, Forney Richardson, Ralph Richardson, Harry Richardson, G. E. Gore, Pink Gore, Jabel Gore, ex-Sheriff W. H. Thompson, Kelly Thompson, Kin Stephens, Mr. McGoughlin, Cale Spivey, A. S. Richardson and L. P. Watters.

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BUPLIN COUNTY SOCIAL NEWS AND PERSONALS OF INTEREST

Warsaw, N. C., Jan. 5.—One of the most delightful affairs of the season was the dinner given at the Hotel Bowden in Kenansville, Wednesday of last week. The decorations were in a color scheme of red and green, holly, pine and ferns being used extensively. An elaborate menu, of which a 30-pound turkey formed an important part, was served. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bowden and family, Misses Mildred Beasley, Fanny Gray and Hester Farrior; Lula Hinson, Judge R. L. Cantwell, of Smithville, Tenn.; Mr. N. B. Titsworth, of Nashville, Tenn.; Messrs. R. S. Sloan, L. A. Beasley, J. E. Jarratt, Robert Mc. Gowan, C. S. Carr, P. L. Farrior, N. B. Sutherland, J. B. Kelly, Rev. Robert Lee and Dr. J. W. Farrior.

A musical concert that was greatly enjoyed by those who attended it was given in the school auditorium last Thursday evening by Mrs. Charles Gulley, of Clayton, and Miss Theo(Wooten, assisted by Mrs. Clarence Brown and Miss Mattie Hines, pianists. Mrs. Gulley has a voice of wonderful depth and volume, and music lovers were given a treat in hearing her sing. Miss Wooten displayed rare talent in both her instrumental and vocal numbers, while Mrs. Brown and Miss Hines sustained their reputations as finished musicians.

Miss Anne Lee Best entertained a large number of young people at the home of her father, Sheriff G. G. Best, on last Friday evening complimentary to her guest, Miss Margaret McMillan of Teachey. A pleasant evening was spent at the close of which refreshments were served. Out-of-town guests present were Misses McMillan, of Teachey; Estelle Fussel and Geddy Jerome and Paul Fussell, of Rose Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Russ and Miss Fannie Monroe returned last week from a visit to relatvies in Bladen county.

Mrs. Nick Hussey and little daughter, Susie Elizabeth, of Charlotte, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cox of Clinton spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox last week.

Misses Bettie and Sarah Hunter spent the Christmas holidays with their parents near town.

Miss Mary Clemmons of Wilmington and Miss May Pickett of Magnolia were guests of Miss Margaret Barden last week.

Miss Reba Meador spent last weekend with Miss Ruth Moore of Burgaw.

Misses Estelle and Berta Cox and E. B. Cox, of Wilmington, visited Miss Bettie Cox last week.

Mrs. J. T. Gresham, entertained a Christmas house-party consisting of Mr. and J. H. Land and children of Chadbourn; Mrs. Herbert Smith and son of Clinton; Mrs. L. A. Beasley and children of Kenansville; Dr. John Johnson and children of Goldsboro.

Mr. Dudley Hill left Tuesday night for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Carter and John Carter, Jr., returned last week from Wilmington, where John Jr. was carried for treatment.

Malcolm Rogers, the young son of Mrs. Walter Carter, is in Wilmington to be treated for mastoiditis.

Miss Lillian Fonvelle and Mr. F. T. Tucker of Wilmington ware guests of Mr. J. H. Fonveille Monday.

Miss Annie Rose Southerland of Mount Olive is visiting Miss Anna Lee Best.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Williams and Mr. Verginius Williams of Faison were in Warsaw Tuesday.

Ex-Senator R. D. Johnson returned Wednesday afternoon from Raleigh.

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MANY NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AT ROCKINGHAM

Rockingham, N. C., Jan. 6.—One of the largest and most charming parties of the season was that given by Mrs. A. G. Corpening and her sister, Miss Linton, at their apartments at the Rockingham Hotel Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There were 25 tables arranged for 42 in the different rooms, which were gay with holiday decorations of holly and cedar. Attractive score cards directed the guests to their places and several interesting games of 42 followed. At the close of the game the guests were invited into the large dining room of the hotel. They were handed place cards at the door by Miss Linton and after finding their assigned places a collation of salid and sandwiches followed by an ice course was served. A unique feature of the evening was the manner in which the favors were presented. The favors being concealed in the napkins at each table which seated ten—they were sweet grass sewing accessories for the work bag. Mrs. Corpening and Miss Linton maintained their reputation as being most delightful hostesses.

Miss Elizabeth Cole was hostess to a large number of her friends at home on Washington street Monday evening. The home was never more attractive than on this occasion when it was dressed with holiday greens and red ribbon. Nine tables were arranged in the reception hall, drawing room and parlor where Hearts Dice was played. The score cards also carried out the Christmas idea and after many interesting progressions the hostess assisted by her mother and sister, Mrs. W. B. Cole and Miss Katherine Cole, served an ice course.

Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter was hostess to a dozen of the society set on last Friday afternoon. All were most enthusiastic when the hostess told the object of the meeting—to organize a Study Club. Mrs. Edward Scott was made president; Mrs. J. M. Ledbetter, vice-president; Miss Mossie Long, recording secretary. The membership of the club will be limited to twelve, they are: Mesdames J. M. Ledbetter, Edward Scott, Jno. L. Everett, Hendy D. Ledbetter, A. S. Dockery, H. F. Long, Frank Leak, Misses Mossie Long, Eleanor Covington, Susie Russell, Faith Covington, Kathryn McDonald.

After the different committees were made and programmes were discussed the club decided to pursue a study of Shakespeare, English history—the Elizabethan period—and current events. The club is most too young to be given a name yet, that will be discussed at the next meeting which will be with the Misses Covington, January 12, 1917. The club will meet every two weeks.

Misses Nancy and Glenn Fairley spent holidays with their aunt, Miss Dale Shaw, who is in Whitehead Stokes hospital undergoing treatment. The many friends of Miss Shaw will be glad to know of her improvement.

The first meeting of the new year of the Tuesday Afternoon Auction Club was held with Mrs. Edward Scott at her home on Washington street Tuesday afternoon. On arriving the guests were met at the door by Mrs. Scott and directed into the parlor where tables were arranged. The table prizes for the highest score were won by Miss Jennie Parsons and Miss Mossie Long. Visitors of the club were: Mrs. John Everette, Mrs. A. G. Corpening, Miss Lottie Linton, Mrs. W. N. Everette, Jr., Miss Jessie Steele, Miss Emma Grey Ledbetter and Mrs. Henry Ledbetter.

Mrs. Edward Scott was hostess to the Rook Club and a few invited guests on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. After most enthusiastic games of rook Mrs. Scott served delicious fruit salad, creamed chicken in patties, cheese sandwiches and frozen punch. This was followed by black coffee. Those playing besides club members were: Misses Pinkie and Fannie Steele, Mrs. J. M. Stancill, Mrs. Alex McDonald, Mrs. Henry Ledbetter, Mrs. J. W. Covington, Misses Eleanor and Mae Covington, Mary Entwistle, Helen Long, Octavio Scales and Kathryn McDonald.

Mrs. John L. Everette entertained at a beautifully appointed dinner in honor of Miss Betsy Bailey, who is the charming guest of Miss Sarah Lilly Dockery, on Wednesday evening. Places were laid for 12. The dining room table was exquisite having a centerpiece of holly and fruit tied with ribbons. Mrs. Everette's guests included: Misses Bailey, Sarah Lilly Dockery, Octavio Scales, Mary Entwistle, Emma Grey Ledbetter and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Everette, Messrs. William Dockery, Osma Henry, Don Phillys, William Leak and Pickett Leak.

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NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF INTEREST IN FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 6.—The leading social event of the season was the New Year ball given at the LaFayette Hotel Wednesday night by the young men of the social set. The ball was under the management of Terry A. Lyon and Charles G. Marsh and was perfect in every appointment and detail. The columns of the grill room where the dance was held were entwined with Southern smilax, while festoons of many-colored lights completed the decorations. Shortly after midnight, during an intermission, a cabaret supper was served, tables having been placed around the ballroom. The center piece on each table was of pink carnations. The dancers were Miss Tolar, Miss Lucile Culbreth, Miss Emma Pemberton, Miss Sarah Hollister, of New Bern; Miss Placide Clark, of Tarboro; Miss Janie Underwood, Miss Sallie Haigh Underwood, Miss Annie Wightman, Miss Emma Sheetz, Miss Haigh Harper, Miss Ruth Sedberry, Miss May Sedberry, Miss Mary Williams, Miss Mary Starr Cook, Miss Holt, Miss Katherine Renalds, Miss Davis, Miss Helen Dodson, Miss Irene Walker, Miss Betty Christian, of Manchester; Miss Marion Haigh, Miss Margaret Cotton and Miss Edna Jennings, and Terry A. Lyon, Charles Marsh, Haskell Bowen, Knox Proctor, of Lumberton; Earl Stewart, Henry Cook, Stewart Corriker, Jennings Pemberton, Capt. Roy B. Case, of Greensboro; William Nimocks, Ned Grady, Carl N. Dunn, Allen Martin, John C. Holland, L. E. Sumner, Sol W. Cooper, Jr., Noel Paton, Murchison Walker, John Garrason, Wade Bennett, Herbert Lutterlon, John M. McFall, Clifton Corley, Paul Haskell, C. M. Beasley, Lieut. Paul Holland, Jake Myett, Robert Vanstory, Robert Young, of Dunn; Kenneth Howard, John Mayo, Peter Tolar, Malloy Davis, Eugene Orrell, Jim MacRae, Pelham Moorman, of Lynchburg, Va.; G. T. Trice, F. D. Williams, Leighton Harrington, Chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blount, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mr. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hale, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. D. G. MacKethan, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lambert.

An orchestra from Raleigh furniahed the music.

Miss Minerva McNeill was hostess to the Tuesday Bridge Club on Tuesday of this week. In addition to the members of the club, Mrs. S. H. Strange, Mrs. John Underwood, Mrs. S. W. Tillinghast, and Mrs. William S. Jordan enjoyed Miss McNeill's hospitality.

The Married Women's Tuesday Bridge Club was entertained this week by Mrs. J. S. Schenck at her home on Haymount. Mrs. A. M. Huggins was the club prize winner, while Mrs. John H. deVane, and Mrs. L. P. Fry, of Greensboro, the latter being Mrs. Schenck's mother, won the guest prizes. The prizes were correspondence cards. Mrs. J. A. Gilmer, Jr., of Greensboro, and Miss Fan Kyle were also guests of Mrs. Schenck's.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the winter was the Elks' annual New Year banquet held Monday night at the LaFayette hotel. About seventy-five diners were present, and following the repast a number of after dinner talks were made and toasts responded to. Chrysanthemums and other cut flowers graced the tables, which were arranged to form a gigantic E. An elk head, symbol of the order, twinkling with electric lights, was another appropriate detail of the appointments. The banquet room was decorated with holly, Southern smilax and ivy.

Miss Mary Gorham entertained fifteen young matrons and girl friends in honor of Mrs. Albert Stewart, formerly Miss Winnie Bruton, at her home on Green street Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. C. Cooper was the prize winner in a guessing contest, while a book of luncheons was presented to Mrs. Stewart by the hostess.

The Duplicate Auction Club met with Mrs. S. H. MacRae Wednesday afternoon. A charming luncheon was served before the rubber of auction was begun.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Tolar, Jr., entertained the Married Women's Bridge Club last Saturday evening at their home on Anderson street. Mrs. John A. Gilmer, Jr., of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Davis and Mr. John R. Tolar, together with the club members and their husbands, were Mr. and Mrs. Tolar's guests. The ladies' prizes, oriental novelties from a noted importer, went to Mrs. J. S. Schenck and Mrs. Gilmer, while the gentleman's prize, a box of cigars, was won by Frank H. Stedman. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Rankin entertained at a five course dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewart at their Haymount home Monday evening. The place cards were clever New Year greetings. A beautiful centerpiece of cut flowers adorned the table.

Miss Emma Gwathmey Pemberton entertained last Thursday evening with a brilliant masked ball at the LaFayette Club in honor of her guest, Miss Sarah Hollister, of New Bern. The dancers were composed of twenty-five couples and many stags. A pretty feature of the evening was a contest dance which was decided by the elimination of couples, the winners being Miss Sallie Haigh Underwood and Jennings Pemberton. The judges were Mrs. Ruffin Horne, Pelham Moorman, of Lynchburg, Va.; T. A. Lyon, R. S. McNeill and Donald F. Ray. Miss Underwood was presented with a box of bon bons.

A much enjoyed event was the piano recital given in the Civic Library Friday evening of last week by Charles G. Vardell, Jr., of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Vardell, of Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs. Mr. Vardell's exquisite technique, his skillful artistry and his complete mastery of the compositions on his programme delighted the audience which heard him and won their heartiest admiration. His numbers were a rondo gavotte from Bach. "The Two Larks," by Teschetitzky, "Waltzing Doll," by Poldini; a mazurka in B minor and an impromptu in A flat from Chopin; and a rhapsodie in B minor from Brahms. Mr. Vardell was assisted by Miss Jane Dixon Vardell, his sister, an accomplished violinist, and by the Choral Society of this city.

PROPHETS WILL CELEBRATE

Sepa Grotto Drill Team to Give Exhibition Thursday Evening Before Going to Royal Theatre.

The prophets of Sepa Grotto, No. 79, M. O. V. P. E. R., with their wives and the handsomely costumed Sepa Grotto Drill team, under the command of Capt. "Bill" Whitney, will attend the vaudeville attraction at the Royal theatre on Thursday evening of this week at the 9 o'clock performance. Previous to this, beginning promptly at 8:15 o'clock, the drill team, headed by the Drum Corps, "That Beats All," with "Ed," "Buck," "Frank," "Otto," and "Wilbur," will parade from the Royal on North Front street to Red Cross and back, giving en route some fancy drills for the entertainment of their friends.

Every prophet is expected to be on time to avoid the "rush," wearing their fezzes and best smile for "our Howard," whose number (100), is in knead of the koin of the prophets as well as that from the great crowd that will be present when "Paul" rings the "Bell" for the fun to begin. The "famous" buckeye "Rose" is expected to be in evidence at this performance and fortunate is she who gets the "Rose."

This will be the occasion for everyone that has a laugh to bring it with them and those that have none, to come and be assured of a good hearty one. "Anatomikally konsidered, laffing is the sensashun ov pheeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot; morally konsidered it iz the next best thing tew the ten commandments; konstitutionally it iz as natchral and refreshing as a spring by the roadside; phosphorescently konsidered, it lights up like a globe lantern.

"When yu du laff," advises the Secretary, "open yure mouth wide enuff for the noiz tew git out without spealing, thro' yure hed bak as tho' yu waz going tew be chaved, hold on tew yure false haire wiff both hands and then laff till yure soul gits thoroughly rested."

Sepa Grotto will furnish all the good wholesome "fun" and good fellowship at their second great ceremonial to be held Friday, the 26th, when there will be "something doing" all day. At some hour during the late afternoon to be announced later, the wives and near wives of the prophets will be invited to "a Dutch supper" after which these "darling ones" must bid their loved ones "goodbye and a safe journey over the river Styx to the Grotto of the Enchanted Realm after whih they become better husband(?) and more insistent for the hands of their chosen one. "A word to the gentler ones is sufficient. "See that your Master Mason friends join at this ceremonial" and the prophets will do the rest.

The Mother's Committee of the Extension Work of the Y. M. C. A. invite all mothers in the city to hear Mr. Odis B. Hinnant's lecture in the Hemenway school building at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon on the subject of "Religious Traits of Adolescence."

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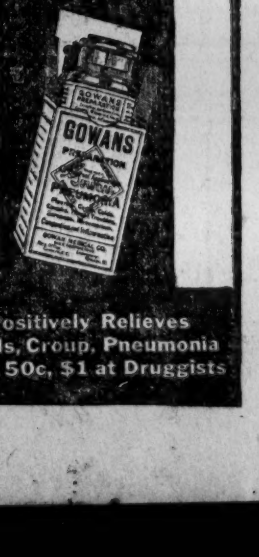

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TO HOLD CONVENTION HERE

Woman's Missionary Society of North Carolina Methodist Conference to Meet at Grace Church.

There will convene in this city in Grace church, January 23 to 26, the annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South. About 200 delegates will be in attendance. Among the delegations will be many women prominent in the religious and philanthropic work of the State and an officer of the Woman's Council of the General Board of Missions of the church, having its headquarters at Nashville, Tenn.

The following is a list of the officers and district secretaries who are expected to attend: President, Mrs. R. B. John, Maxton; first vice president, Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, Littleton; second vice president, Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, Goldsboro; superintendent of Mission Study and Publicity, Mrs. H. J. Boney, Rose Hill; superintendent Social Service, Mrs. A. S. Barnes, Raleigh; corresponding secretary, Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Maxton; recording secretary, Miss May Ella Smith, Gatesville; treasurer, Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Selma; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins, Weldon; superintendent of literature, Mrs. E. L. Hart, Wilmington; editor Woman's Page, Mrs. E. C. Duncan, Raleigh; chairman Advocate subscription campaign, Mrs. R. H. Willis, Oxford.

District Secretaries.

Durham district, Mrs. W. W. Peele, Durham; Elizabeth City district, Mrs. J. N. Winslow, Elizabeth City; Fayetteville district, Miss Vara Herring, Dunn; Raleigh district, Miss Nettie Allen, Henderson; Rockingham district, Miss Georgia Biggs, Rockingham; Washington district, Mrs. Wiley Brown, Greenville; Warrenton district, Miss Amma Graham, Warrenton; Wilmington district, Mrs. W. F. Murphy, Wallace; New Bern district, Mrs. H. J. Faison, Faison.

Lunch for the delegates will be served the three days at the Y. W. C. A. by the social and house committees.

The entire three days will be given up entirely to the transaction of business, it being the wish of the conference that all social affairs be dispensed with. The hospitality committee, of which Mrs. E. L. Hart is chairman, has already planned a systematic canvass for homes for the delegates. Anyone having friends among the delegation are asked to communicate with the chairman if they desire to entertain them.

It has been ten years since this body met in Wilmington and since then the delegation has largely increased and the scope of the work multiplied many fold. The new annex is about completed or will be in time for the conference and its many new and beautiful rooms will furnish ample space and convenience for committee work through which largely the business of the conference is transacted.

BARRIE ON A LARK

That is "A Kiss for Cinderella" Which Maude Adams is Now Playing.

"We read somewhere that Miss Adams would have only eight weeks with 'A Kiss for Cinderella' at the Empire. Eight months would be more like it."

This is the way Burns Mantle concludes his laudatory and appreciative account in the New York Evening Mail of Maude Adams' opening in James M. Barrie's new "fancy" at the Empire Theatre, New York, on Christmas night.

Other critics agree that the play is Barrie at his "most whimsical and most generous best." And as for Miss Adams' own performance, the critics thought that her impersonation of the little London waif whom the playwright has drawn with such loving and poetic imagination was ideal—"the best thing she has yet done, not even excepting Peter Pan, whose sister Cinderella is."

Of the story—oh, that must be seen. "It would be clumsy and tedious," says Heywood Broun in the Tribune, "for us to explain why the bridal pair were married by a penguin or why Cinderella looked at the Venus of Milos almost pityingly at the end of the first act." Mr. Broun does think, though, that "something must be said about the infinitely charming love scene between the policeman and Cinderella in the last act, where she exacts his solemn promise that he will propose twice, for, as she explains, 'I want to have the satisfaction of refusing you once'."

"'A Kiss for Cinderella' comes opportunely at the holiday time," says Rennold Wolf in the Telegraph. 'It is Barrie on a lark and a hugely enjoyable one."

TAKE CONTEST TO SENATE

West Virginia Senator to Fight Election of His Opponent.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator Chilton issued a statement today declaring he expects to carry to the Senate the contest he has begun in the West Virginia courts over the election of Howard Sutherland, Republican, to succeed him. He said he was not engaged in "sensational business," but expected the revelations to follow would startle the people.

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COL. FAIRBROTHER TELLS WHY

Greensboro Newspaper Man Gives His Reasons for Boosting Dr. Smith's Bible Class.

Many Wilmington people have become interested in the Bible class of 500 men which Dr. W. C. Smith teaches each Sunday morning in the First Presbyterian church in Greensboro. The enrollment of this class passed the 500 mark several months ago and doubtless it holds the record for the South. Dr. Smith's students recently presented him with an automobile as a mark of their appreciation of his services.

One of the most enthusiastic boosters for this class is Col. Al Fairbrother, editor of the Greensboro Record and also of the weekly periodical, Everything. Colonel Fairbrother is a member of the class and one of its most energetic workers. In a recent issue of his paper, the Greensboro newspaper man explains his reasons for boosting the class. Colonel Fairbrother says:

"We have heard from a friend or two, to be accurate, three, by mail, and had repeated to us oral kicks, concerning our apparent desire to boost Smith's Bible Class. One correspondent wants to know why we do not boost all the Bible classes in town; another wants to know why we insist that Smith's Bible Class is the one to which people should go, and the other, facetiously remarks that as a Bible class press agent we seem to be on the job.

"All of which interests us no little. To our first correspondent we beg to remark and refer him to our files to prove the assertion we boldly make, that almost every Saturday we have attempted to convince people that they should on the morrow go to church. We have said, 'to church,' and often pointed out that in this town there are scores of able, sincere and unselfish ministers. We have talked about Smith's Bible Class and always insisted that if the reader belonged to any other Bible class there is where he should go—but to the man without a Bible class; the man who was missing so much and didn't know it, we have extended to him an invitation to hear Smith. To our third correspondent we would say that we are not the press agent of a Bible class; that we incidentally boost Smith's class because it is the one to which we happen to belong; because from it we get great satisfaction and are not selfish enough to want to enjoy it all alone. That is perhaps the way others look at it, and that is perhaps the reason Smith's Bible Class has over five hundred members—among them men of many denominations; men of no denomination and representing several nationalities.

"But in all seriousness is not the great end for which Christianity strives only the end to gather in the stray sheep? To bring closer and nearer to God the worldly man; to make it possible for him to get a glimpse of the spiritual life that could be his, if he got close enough to see God? What difference should it make to a professed Christian whether the Bible class was held in a Methodist church or a Baptist church or a Presbyterian church if it was strong enough to awaken the interest of the man who doesn't care? We have never professed any particular religion—we have always known there was a God—and we have tried in our way, to worship Him. But when we incidentally heard about Smith's Bible Class—some time ago, we went to hear him talk. We were pleased, highly pleased, and felt that he had done us some real good. We didn't become hysterical or spectacular over it, but we seriously thought we saw a chance to divide with many acquaintances a rare literary treat, surrounded with spiritual trimmings. So we got busy and we induced scores of men of this town to go with us to hear Smith. They went and they at once commenced telling others about their great find. Naturally, being a member of the class and knowing that the work was worth while, we have taken time to write about the wonderful growth of the organization and to insist that Smith is the greatest interpreter of the Bible we have ever heard talk—and take it from us, that professionally, we have heard some mighty big men.

"When the Woman's Club one time conceived the idea of having some lectures once a month, Professor Smith was employed to address that body. He took up the American and English poets and it was then, when he was visualizing Browning, the most difficult poet in all the world to understand, and making his writing as easy as the A. B. C's. to comprehend, that we first knew of Smith's great power. As a teacher of English, as a student; as a member of a family celebrated in letters—W. C. Smith comes along equipped by nature, education and surroundings to do his chore and do it perhaps better than any man in the whole South. Therefore we have felt that we were discharging one of the long over due debts we owed society to help along in this Bible class work, and we intend to continue in the future as in the past. We hope that those few who think we should not exploit one particular teacher will think again—and conclude that it were better business to write about any Bible class than to write about the wonders of a prize fight. So if it happens that we are in the mood to boost religion, all religious people should rejoice to know that the Old Man was mellowing in his later years; that maybe he was trudging along a path that might at last cause him to go still further. It is our belief that the five hundred men who attend Smith's class—who show so much zeal and so much enthusiasm are entertained in a way they have never been entertained before. They may never get further than the Bible class—and still it might be that that was their first step on a journey to the Great Whitt Throne. So many of the worldly men, of which we are one, often think that anything held in a church is "rank pisen" to the worldly soul and they know, to hear them tell it, that the water is cold. But we have observed that many of the worldly men who go joyously each Sabbath morning to hear Smith feel no restraint—they have ascertained that their preconceived notions were wrong, and the first step, being always the hardest, has been taken.

"Let each man, in his own way and in his own time do his chore. If he is doing even himself good, no jealousy should prompt another man to throw a cross tie on his track. If we can, by giving some publicity to Smith's Bible Class induce other men to go with us there each Sabbath morning—we have done some good. Good to the man who yearns for happiness; who can drink in and enjoy the spirit feast which Smith serves. We have no apologies to offer for advertising a Bible class and our columns are open to all religious bodies for their announcements."

COLORED PLAYGROUNDS OPEN

Afternoon Observed as Recreation Day by Faculty and Students of Williston School.

The city's public playgrounds for colored children were formally opened Friday afternoon. The day was observed as Recreation Day by the faculty and students of the Williston and Peabody Industrial Schools. The playgrounds are located on the campus of the former school.

The apparatus was purchased by the Civic Improvement League of which organization Professor Virgo, of the Williston school, is president. The outfit consists of a giant stride, stride, merry-go-round, ocean wave, four seesaws, and six lawn settees. The total cost, including installation, was approximately $300, the greater part of which was raised by the recreation committee of the Civic League. There is still a small amount due on the outfit and any donation to help defray the expenses will be deeply appreciated.

Although located at the Williston school, the playground will be open to all the colored children of the city as soon as plans and rules for its operation can be arranged. The grounds were leveled and prepared by the county road forces.

The colored people are showing their appreciation of the beautiful brick building and its equipment, by beautifying the premises and using the grounds as they were intended. The industrial department of the Williston school is an assured sucess. Serving and cooking are taught to the girls, and farming to the boys. A carpentery shop and other additions for the boys re needed, however.

Professor Virgo is a wide awake man, and seems peculiarly fitted for his position.

MEETING WAS POSTPONED

School Committeemen Has Misunderstanding as to the Hour.

The meeting of the city and county committeemen, which was called to meet at the Hemenway school building at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, to consider the bond issue budget, relative to the proposed apportionment among the various districts was postponed until the regular meeting day, which will be the last Saturday in the month.

There was some misunderstanding as to the time of the meeting yesterday, and for that reason, with others, a full attendance could not be obtained Superintendent Catlett felt that it would be unfair to consider the matter in their absence, so the meeting was not called. The apportionment of the proposed $250,000 bond issue, is to be considered by the committeemen before being submitted to the people as a whole.

While the matter was only informally discussed yesterday, the people of the rural districts have made it clear that they will not vote for the proposed issued until they have a clear idea of what they are going to get by it. A special committee from the rural schools will meet next Saturday afternoon to discuss plans for the rural school celebration, which is to be held at the close of the present scholastic year.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

Pursuant to a judgment of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in the matter of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company and George A. Grimsley, Trustee, vs. J. Hicks Bunting, et als., rendered at the December Term, 1916, of said Court, I will offer for sale to the Highest Bidder, for Cash, at the Court House door in Wilmington, N. C., on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1917, at 12 o'clock M., the following piece or parcel of real estate, situated in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, and more specifically described as follows, to-wit:

"Beginning at a point in the Western line of Front street, where the same is intersected by the Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) Street, and running thence along the Western line of Front Street Southwardly 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with Grace (or Mulberry) Street 100 feet; thence Northwardly and parallel with Front Street 33 feet to the Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) Street; and thence along the said Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) street one hundred feet to the point of beginning, the same being a part of the Eastern half of Lot No. 1, Block 190, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

Terms are Cash, on confirmation by the Court, and purchase is made subject to cancellation of all liens and approval of title.

This 23rd day of December, A. D. 1916.

J. O. CARR,
Commissioner.

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ABRIDGING MAIL SERVICE.

No Railway Mail Clerk on Sunday Seaboard Train Out of Wilmington.

In view of the fine showing made by the department during the past four years, the public or at least that part of it inconvenienced by the change, will be totally unprepared for the announcement that, effective today, railway mail service on Seaboard Air Line trains 19 and 20 out of Wilmington at 5 A. M., and reaching here at about 12 midnight, has been discontinued for the first time, perhaps, in thirty years.

On Sundays in future, unless there is some revocation of the order, patrons between Wilmington and Laurinburg will have to await the arrival of the Charlotte train before they are served with their mail from Wilmington and intermediate points, there being only a closed pouch service on the train out of Wilmington. The matter has been taken up through Congressman Godwin at Washington and everything possible will be done to get a revocation of the order.

People, in this day of advancement and progress, have become accustomed to an increase rather than a lowering of the efficiency of the mail service, and this new move will be looked upon with anything but favor by the general public.

Those of our patrons who have complaint to make of this abridgement of a service which has been in effect certainly for twenty years or more are asked to write us their views on the subject and these will be promptly forwarded to Congressman Godwin or Senator Simmons, either or both, at Washington, D. C.

In the meantime The Star will do its best to serve its patrons promptly on the curtailed service on this route, even if it should become necessary for the time being for us to send a clerk of our own employment on the train to serve those of our subscribers entitled to receive their mail at the hands of the Postoffice Department.

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Thousands of men and women are growing bald every day and don't know the reason why. This is indeed a pity, says a hair specialist, who states that baldness usually comes from carelessness, and that anyone who gives the hair just a little attention should always have an abundance of good, healthy hair. Dandruff and dirt cause baldness by clogging the pores in the scalp, and giving the dandruff germs fertile ground for prolific breeding.

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Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold in drug stores everywhere for fifty cents a bottle. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure you get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a fac-simile of Dr. Coldwell's signature

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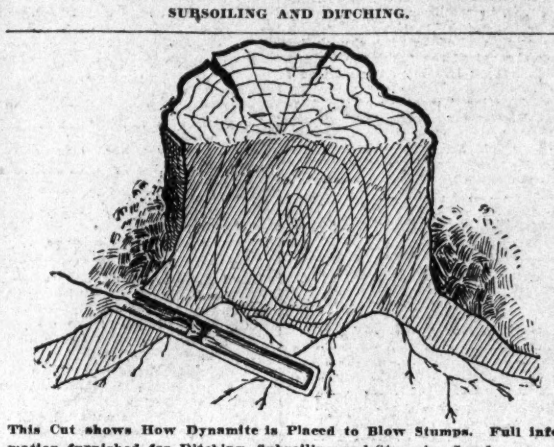

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THEATRICAL

The epoch making screen production of Shakespeare's immortal drama of love and tragedy, which is to be presented at the Victoria, one day only, tomorrow, matinee and night, starring the supreme sovereign of the screen, Francis X. Bushman, and the crowned queen of the screen, Beverly Bayne, is by far the greatest spectacle of the year. There have been productions with some tense acting, which may have almost equalled it, although Francis X. Bushman is hard to rival, but for sheer beauty of backgrounds, for immensity of scenes and for pomp and ceremony, it is quite safe to say that nothing heretofore has equalled this massive production.

Full advantage has been taken of the fact that Romeo and Juliet belonged to noble and wealthy families. The appointments of the two households are superb, the furnishings magnificent beyond any in the history of the stage. Ecenes of pomp and ceremony are shown, both civic and religious ceremonies and processes are included. These are all provided for in Shakespeare's text, but the limitations of the dramatic stage have heretofore made it impossible to present them. The Bushman and Bayne production of "Romeo and Juliet" shows the great play as Shakespeare would have written it if motion pictures had been invented in his time.

Fidelity to the greatest dramatic poet of all ages has been carried to the last degree. Every member of the cast was obliged to learn the words of the play and repeat them, with the proper action, before the camera. If a word was forgotten, the camera was stopped, and the work done over again. The original scenario was made from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," the greatest love story ever written, by John Arthus, and this was modified by Rudolph De Cordova, and the final work done by John W. Noble, whose masterly handling of the eight-act drama establishes him for all time in the front rank of directors. The genius of Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne has never been so well exemplified as in the roles of the immortal lovers. The Bushman and Bayne production of "Romeo and Juliet" brings the soul of Shakespeare to the hearts of the people.

Novelty at the Royal

It is indeed a novelty that the Royal announces for the week beginning tomorrow afternoon in the presentation of that famous attraction, "Hav-A-Laf" Walker and his Lady Minstrels, for the first time playing a tour through Southern territory. The fact that a whole page was devoted to this show in the special Christmas number of The Billboard, America's foremost theatrical magazine, is proof positive that it is out of the ordinary as a popular priced attraction.

This superb organization, a mammoth musical show, carrying a magnificent "whirlie-girlie" chorus, a "Rooten-tooten" brass band and a wonderful concert orchestra, is entirely something new in the amusement line for popular priced attractions, and will no doubt create a sensation in Wilmington.

The show is a clean, classy musical show supporting America's greatest popular priced minstrel star, "Hav-A-Laf" Musical Walker and the Famous Barbeau Musical Trio, in a wonderful musical offering, including vocal and instrumental numbers, also, "June Bug" Moore, another wonderful minstrel artist, "with his musical buzz," and the famous Greenwalts with their concert orchestra, which plays for the shows, under the direction of William Gillette, musical director.

A feature of the show will be a grand free brass band concert in front of the theatre fifteen minutes before the doors open, daily at 2:30 and 7 P. M.

Pauline Frederick at Grand

Ever since that exquisite artiste, Pauline Frederick, made such a sensational success in "Audrey," the Famous Players adaptation of Mary Johnson's great novel, the producers have been searching for another strong primitive character for this beautiful star. Such a one has been found in Willard Mack's powerful story, "Nannette of the Wilds," in which Miss Frederick will appear at the Grand theatre Monday.

Around the famous Royal Northwest Mounted Police of Canada there are woven more traditions of glory and honor than around any body of men outside of army and navy life. These fearless characters unflinchingly face the greatest hardships and dangers in guarding the lives of the woodsmen.

"Nannette of the Wilds" is one of the most glorious of all these stories, and beautiful Pauline Frederick makes of it a tense emotional and superbly thrilling dramatic film masterpiece. The role of Nannette is just the sort of character that Pauline Frederick loves to play, and it is the type of girl which she portrays with marvelous fidelity for she herself is passionately fond of the outdoors.

"September Morn."

In accordance with the previous announcement made by the management of the Academy of Music, "September Morn," the big dancing festival which delighted Chicago for nearly a year, will be the attraction Saturday Matinee and Night, Jan. 13th.

"September Morn" is a girl, song, farce and dance show constructed purely to entertain. The story is woven about the famous Chabas' painting called "September Morn"—two imposters claim to be originators, one Rudolph Plastric, owner of an art studio, who knows nothing of the art, insists that he is the originator and painted the famous ptcure, while immediately upon the scene arrives an actress who boasts she is the originator and engages a press agent to circulate broadcast that she is the originator. The excitement following provokes a world of mirth while the two imposters are dodging each other, and to make the situation more ludicrous an Army officer by chance meets and becomes infatuated with the actress and in the meantime discovers the fact that she is a good freind of his wife, which goes to entangle the situation and produce worlds of laughter.

Prices, first 10 rows lower floor $1.50 balance floor $1.00. Balcony 50 and 75 cents. Bargain Matinee lower floor 75 cents, balcony 50 cents. Seats on sale Thursday morning at Elvington's Front street store.

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THE WEDDING OF ROMEA AND J ULIET IN FRIA LAWRENCE'S CELL As Presented by Francis X. Bushman an d Beverly Bayne in "Romeo and Juliet" at the Victoria Monday, Matinee and Night.

MRS. TOON'S WORK ENDORSED BY THE RED CROSS WORKERS

Wilmington Woman Visited Old Home of Clara Barton in Maryland.

Mrs. E. May Glenn Tonn has recently returned to the city from New York city, where she went during the holidays in the interest of Clara Barton Memorial work. En route to Wilmington, she pent the week-end at Glen Echo, Md., in the old historical home of Clara Barton. While there she was presented with a Red Cross badge, one of the old originals, usd during Miss Barton's time.

Mrs. Toon was also the recipient of several complimentary letters from prominent officials of the Clara Barton International Memorial Association endorsing the work that she is doing.

Mrs. Wm. F. Hirons, owner of the Clara Barton home at Glen Echo, in a letter says: "I have bad the pleasure of entertaining ror the week-end Mrs. E. May Glenn Toon. Her friends here think that it is a splenid work and in the interest of the memory of Clara Barton."

Mr. Edwin Baltzby, founder of Glen Echo, speaks of his great pleasure in being the recipient of one of Mrs. Toon's Clara Barton Christmas greeting cards. Col. Charles Young in a letter states that he is much interested in the work that Mrs. Toon is doing. "In my opinion," he says, "such literature is in the interest of humanity and will do much toward educating the rising generation to a proper recognition of such services to the world." Col. Young states that he is giing his exclusive time to the presentation of the life of Clara Barton in a proposed scenario, having come to Glen Eho from California for this purpose.

Mr. I. B. Hubbell, executive field agent of the American National Red Cross, after calling attention to the work he is doing says: "I would also like to call your attention to the literary work relating to Clara Barton, written by Mrs. Toon and published in booklet and post card form. It has occurred to me that her booklet and cards are published in a most attractive style, are well written, and of such artistic nature that they must appeal to people generally."

TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING.

N. C. State Optometric Society to Convene in Raleigh January 23.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—The 10th annual convention of the North Carolina State Optometric Society will meet in Raleigh on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24. Dr. Earl J. Brown, the distinguished lecturer and medical doctor of Chicago, will be the principal speaker. He will deliver a series of lectures embracing general refraction of optics and associated subjects. His lectures at night will be illustrated by lantern slides, picturing the various diseases of the eye.

Representatives from Richmond, Philadelphia, New York, Atlanta and Petersburg will attend the notable sessions of the society. The State Board of Examiners will meet Thursday and Friday, January 25 and 26. New practicing optometrists will be examined and granted licenses at these sessions.

ROYAL EXTRAORDINARY FEATURE ATTRACTION ALL THIS WEEK

"HAV-A-LAF" MUSICAL WALKER AND HIS LADY MINSTRELS

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TO MEET IN RALEIGH MONDAY.

Press Association's Committee to Get Bill Ready for Legislature.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—The legislative committee of the North Carolina Press Association will meet through call of Chairman M. L. Shipman Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock to get a final line-up for the getting through the Legislature a bill to regulate advertising rates for legal advertisements more equitable for the newspapers. The committee consists of Chairman Shipman, H. A. London, W. C. Dowd, H. B. Varner, W. J. Jordan, for the North Carolina Press Association, and J. L. Horne, Jr., W. W. Weaver and P. T. Way for the Afternoon Press Association.

RECOMMENDS INSPECTION OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS

Shipman Wants State Child Labor Law to Conform to Federal Statute.

(Special Ctar Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman recommends to the Legislature that there be child labor legislation at this session that will make the North Carolina statute conform with the Federal statute which prohibits interstate traffic in articles manufactured where children under 14 years of age are allowed to work. He recommends, too, that to make such conformity effective a system of inspection of the factories will be necessary, both for the enforcement of the law as to affidavits of the age of children and to protect the manufacturers who observe the law from unscrupulous competition.

He also recommends a bureau of safety in connection with his or some other department of State to gather facts as to industrial hazards and recommend legislation to guard against the maiming and killing of those who toil in hazardous positions.

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SEATS THURSDAY MORNING AT ELVINGTON'S PHARMACY.

LETTER IS DELIVERED AFTER SEVENTY YEARS

Sent to Baltimore Sun by John R. Kenly in Mexico.

Recently Picked Out of Rubbish Bag in Baltimore and Published For First Time—Tells of Fighting at Monterey.

Seventy years ago, in the camp of the "Baltimore Battalion," near Monterey, Mexico, John R. Kenly, native of Baltimore and then a captain under Col. William H. Watson, sat down and wrote to his brother George an account of the attack on the Mexican city. It was the story of events that had occurred less than a month before, and he asked his brother to turn the facts he presented over to the "Sun Newspaper" for publication.

A few days ago Captain Kenly's letter was delivered to The Sun, together with a copy of the official account of the famous battle of September 21, 1846, which the young captain had had the adjutant's clerk prepare by way of substantiation.

Where the letters have been in the meantime is a mystery that probably will never be cleared. They were turned over to The Sun by Samuel A. Levin, president of the Acme Paper Stock Company, of Baltimore.

"I cannot account for how we have gotten possession of this," writes Mr. Levin, "but in our daily routine of work, which covers the assorting of tons of paper, this missive attracted the curious eyes of one of our assorters."

Mentioned in Scharf's History.

After Captain Kenly wrote the letter from the battle field of Monterey letter lay safely put away somewhere while American history was a-making. The Mexican War passed and Captain Kenly came back to his native Baltimore. Scharf's History of Maryland recites that in June, 1861, George R. Dodge, Esq., of Baltimore, was appointed Provost Marshal of Baltimore, "vice Col. John R. Kenly, who, being relieved of this service, at his own request, now assumes command of the First Regiment of Maryland Volunteers, on the Upper Potomac, in the State of Maryland."

Colonel Kenly took his regiment at once into action, and was wounded in the battle of Front Royal, in 1862, taken prisoner by the Confederates and afterward exchanged. As the Civil War wore on he gained fresh honors and promotions, until, on March 13, 1865, he was brevetted major-general of the volunteers. After the war, up to the time of his death a number of years ago, he devoted much of his time to writing, his "Memoirs of a Maryland Volunteer" being well known.

Kenly wished The Sun to publish the order when, seven decades ago, the eyes of the United States were turned to the menace of Mexico. The Sun says it takes pleasure in complying with the request when the eyes of the United States are again turned in contemplation of the seriousness of the Mexican situation.

Account of Battle Given.

The letter of Captain Stewart, the captain commanding, reads as follows:

"Camp Near Monterey, Mexico,
"26th Sept., '46.

"The Battalion of Maryland and D. C. Volunteers, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Watson, connected with the 1st Reg't of Infantry, the whole under the command of Lieut.-Col. Wilson, were ordered to march at about 8 o'clock on the morning of the 21st inst., for the attack on Monterey. The battalion were out in their full strength, save Company C, Capt. Bronaugh, which was ordered to remain on guard duty at camp, and Lieut. Owen, of Co. A with a detachment of 12 men, were ordered on picket guard by Gen. Twiggs. The battalion marched towards the city and charged in the most gallant manner on a battery under a galling fire in which it sustained some loss. The point of attack was then changed by order of Col. Garland and we entered the city exposed to a destructive fire from several batteries, supported by a large number of infantry, which raked the streets. We remained in the city for nearly half an hour when we were ordered to retire; in doing so the battalion became separated. Col. Watson fell by a musket shot whilst gallantly leading on to a second assault on the city.

"A portion of the battalion was then formed under Capt. Kenly and remained on the field of battle until it was ordered back to camp by Gen. Twiggs, having been under a heavy fire for nearly nine hours, losing in action killed 6—wounded 18*.

"I take pleasure in noticing the gallant conduct of the battalion throughout. "JAMES E. STEWART,
"Captain Commanding.

"*—Note: Three of these mortally."

Captain Kenly's Letter Given.

And this is Captain Kenly's letter:

"Monterey, Mexico, Oct. 12, 1846.

My Dear Bro. George:

"On the first page you will find a copy of Capt. Stewart (the Senior Captain and comdg. officer of our Battalion) report of the battle of the 21st Sepr. and of which I have seeral times spoken in my letters to Father. I want yout to preserve this copy, as it was made from the original by the adjutant's clerk and if there has been no publication of the report, I want you to make an exact copy of this and have it published in the "Sun" Newspaper.

"This report does not do me justice. It says that "a portion of the Battalion was then formed under Captn. Kenly an remained on the field of battle &c" I tell you I rallied every man who would stop (under a dreadful fire) to follow me; that I was the last officer of our Battalion to remain in the city after the order to retreat had been given, and that the reason I took the command was because I was the senior officer present, Capts. Stewart, Piper and Waters, my seniors, being on the road to camp; that after I took the command I was ordered by Col. Garland to join Genl. Hamer in another attack on the town. I joined Genl. Hamer with at least one hundred men of the Battalion and Capt. Boyd, Lieuts. Wilt, Dolan, Boyle, Taylor and Aisquith under me; that whilst forming under shelter of the fort a cross fire was opened on us which killed several of the Ohioans and Kentuckians when we were ordered by Hamer 'to move away, the firing was too hot.' I then moved with the Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and some Mississippi troops and Regulars into the open field, when I was again ordered by Col. Garland to join Capt. Miller of the 4st Infantry in supporting Bragg's Battery which had been detached to drive back the Lancers who had rallied from the town and were spearing the wounded.

Laid by Guns Twelve Hours.

"My command laid by these Guns for nearly two hours whilst the Castle was firing long 12 pound Guns at us, every shot from which passed directly over us and through us whilst we were lying down; and thus the whole day was passed, first in one position and then in another, first under one commander and then another, until I could have cried from vexation. And not one minute from 9O'C. in the mor'g until sundown was I out of reach of their shot and not a moment of that day but what I thought the next shot might hit me, for here were shot all around me Ohiomen, Kentuckians, Regulars, Tennesseans, Mississippians and our own men, for we were altogether fooling away our time under men who were afraid to lead us to another charge.

"I had but to obey orders and I did do so and those who were with me know how I behaved. A asked Captn. Stewart to report the gallant conduct of my officers who were among the first to enter the city in our first bold charge. He said 'he could not praise one, without praising all.' I then asked him to report the fact of my commanding the Battalion, after it retired from the city. His reply was, 'they will then ask where I was.' So he makes this lame report and as those who were afraid of a full report outnumber us who with the truth told I am compelled to write you this, not for publication, but for you to set me right before my friends, if I should not live to return. The report is sufficiently complimentary to let it pass without comment. From your affectionate Brother,

"JOHN R. KENLY."

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Fourth and Harnett streets, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11. Services, "The Child Jesus Worshipped." Subject in the evening at 7:30: "The Cchild Jesus Protected." Sunday school in the morning at 10. Luther League Wednesday evening at 8. Subject: "Specal Prayers in the New Testament." Church council meets Monday evening at 8. A cordial invitation to all services.

St. James church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector, and Rev. G. F. Hill, assistant.—Service, sermon and Holy Communion at 11. Evening prayer at 4. People's service and sermon on "The Demands and the Rewards of Labor" at 7:30 in the evening. All seats free. Everybody welcome. Come and bring a friend!

St. Paul's Episcopal church, 16th and Market streets, Rev. E. deF. Heald, Jr., rector.—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Holy Communion and sermon at 11. Evening prayer and sermon (question box) in the evening at 8. All seats free.

First Baptist church, Fifth and Market streets.—Sunday school at 9:45. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, Dr. J. J. Hurt. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 in the evening. The evening service at 7:30. Sermon by Dr. J. J. Hurt. Subject: "A Good Town to Live In." A cordial welcome to all these services.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth and Ann Streets.—First mass in the morning at 7. Last mass at 10:30. Vespers in the evening at 8.

Christian Science Society, church edifice 17th and Market streets.—Services Sunday morning at 11. Subject: "God." Sunday school at 12:15. Wednesday evening service at 8:15. Reading room in the Murchison National Bank building, where all Christian Science literature may be read, open daily except Sunday and holidays from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend all services and to visit the reading room.

Calvary Baptist church, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor.—Sunday services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermon subjects: Morning, "Remember Lot's Wife." Evening, "Would You Be Rich?" Sunday school at 9:45. Every school urged to be present. Contest is on with Delgado Sunday school. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 6:45. Sunbeams Monday afternoon at 3:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Teachers' supper and senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night. Chorus rehearsal Friday night. Baptism Sunday night. Everybody welcome.

Wesley Memorial Methodist church, Winter Pork, Rev. J. Herbert Miller, pastor.—Preaching at 11 in the morning. Sunday school at 10. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation to all these services.

Southside Baptist church, corner Fifth avenue and Wooster street, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor.—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Subject: "Lord, Teach Me." The subject for the evening service at 7:30 will be: "The Three Great Imperatives of Jesus." Both services conducted by the pastor. Mrs. Blatts will sing "No Burdens Yonder" at the evening service. Public cordially invited to worship at this church.

Grace Methodist church, corner of Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor—Services at 11 in the morning and in the evening at 7:30 by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:45. All are invited to attend these services.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—German service and Holy Communion at 11. Preparatory service at 10:30. Sunday school at 3:30. Evening service at 8. Topic of sermon, "Limitations of Man's Free Will." Visitors are always welcome at all services. Church Council will meet Monday evening at 8.

Bladen Street Methodist church, corner Fifth and Bladen streets, Rev. E. C. Sell, pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

DANIEL RECOMMENDED FOR POSTMASTER AT SOUTHPORT.

Godwin's Selection Based Upon Endorsement of Patrons.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Representative Godwin today recommended D. O. Daniel for appointment as postmaster at Southport. Mr. Daniel was endorsed by practically all of the patrons of the office, it is said, and under these circumstances Mr. Godwin felt that he should be given the place. Daniel's nomination will probably go to the Senate early next week.

RAILWAY STATISTICS FOR 1916

The year 1916 has been one of record breaking traffic and earnings for the railways of the United States. Their increased business is reflected in statistics regarding new construction and orders for equipment during the year which have been gathered by the Railway Age Gazette from official sources, and which are published in its Annual Review Number.

The mileage of new railroad built during 1916 has been 1,098 miles. This is an increase over 1915, when only 93 miles were built, the latter having been the smallest amount of new construction in any year since the Civil war. While there has been an increase in new construction, it has continued to be small, being less than in any year since the Civil war except 1915. There was a reduction in second track built, this amounting to 312 miles, as compared with 356 miles in 1915 and 565 miles in 1914. There were 31 miles of third, fourth and other main tracks built, as compared with 65 miles in the preceding year. The largest amount of new construction was in Montana, where 99 miles of railway were built; South Carolina being second, with 92 miles, and California third, with 78 miles.

New construction in Canada shows a heavy decline. The mileage of new lines built in that country was only 290 miles, as compared with 718 miles in 1915 and 978 miles in 1914.

The new mileage found to be projected in the United States is 727 miles; that being surveyed, 2,126 miles, and that being actually built, 1,060 miles.

Increased Orders for New Equipment.

The increase in the purchase of new equipment was much greater relatively than the increase in new construction. The following table gives the numbers of cars and locomotives ordered by the railways of the United States within the last three years:

	1916	1915	1914
Freight cars ordered	170,000	107,796	80,264
Passenger cars ordered	2,349	3,092	2,002
Locomotives ordered	2,923	1,573	1,265

The number of freight cars ordered for domestic service is larger than in any year since 1912, and the number of locomotives ordered for domestic service is larger than in either 1914 or 1915.

Large Foreign Orders for Equipment.

In addition to the orders received from the railways of the United States, the locomotive and car builders of this country received largely increased orders for equipment for export. The number of freight cars ordered for export was 25,632, as compared with 18,222 in 1915; and the number of locomotives ordered for export was 2,983, as compared with 850 in 1915. The number of locomotives ordered for both United States and foreign railways totaled 5,906, which exceeds the total number of locomotives ordered from the locomotive builders of the United States in any year since 1905.

63 Railways in Receivers' Hands.

The year closes with 63 railways, having an aggregate of 34,559 miles of line, in the hands of receivers. This compares with a mileage of 38,661 miles which was in the hands of receivers at the beginning of 1916. The principal changes in the list of roads in the hands of receivers during 1916 was caused by the St. Louis & San Francisco, operating 4,749 miles of road, some of its subsidiaries, operating 1,000 more; the Western Pacific, operating 942 miles, and the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, operating 633 miles, being taken out of the hands of receivers, while the Boston and Maine, with 2,300 miles, and the Texas and Pacific, with 1,944 miles, went into them. The number of roads put into receivers' hands during the year was eight, and their total mileage 4,439.

Railways Operated Under Block System.

The total mileage of railways operated under the block system at the end of the year is 99,885. Of this, 32,978 miles is automatic, an increase of 1,818 miles.

Comparison and Contrast Between 1906 and 1916.

In an article on "The Railway Situation at the End of 1916," the Railway Age Gazette draws a comparison and a contrast between the year 1916 and the year 1906, just a decade before. The year 1906, like the year 1916, it recalls, was characterized by record-breaking traffic and earnings, by a large "car shortage" and severe congestion of traffic and by extensive movements by railway labor for higher wages. On the other hand, the year 1906 came near the end of a period of great prosperity for the railways, during which there had been a large expansion of their facilities, while the year 1916 follows a period of depression for the railways, during which there was a relatively small expansion of their facilities.

"In the five years ending with the calendar year 1906," says the Railway Age Gazette, "there were almost 23,500 miles of new railway built in the United States, an average of almost 4,700 miles a year. During the five years ending with 1916 there were less than 10,000 miles built, an average of less than 2,000 miles a year.

"During the five years ending with 1906 the average increase per year of all tracks operated was 10,346 miles, while in the last five years it has averaged about 7,000 miles per year.

"In the five years ending with 1906 the number of locomotives ordered by the railways of the United States was 22,400, or almost 4,500 per year. In the five years ending with 1916 the number ordered by them has been less than 14,000, or about 2,800 a year.

"In the five years ending with 1906 the total number of freight cars ordered was almost 1,100,000 or an average of over 218,000 a year. In the five years ending with 1916 the number ordered has been only about 740,000, an average of about 148,000 a year.

"The foregoing statistics set forth in a striking and even startling manner one of the most important facts to be considered in connection with the present situation of the railways. This is, that the car shortage and traffic congestion of 1906 came at the end of a decade during which there had been a great expansion of transportation facilities, while the car shortage and congestion of traffic in 1916 have followed immediately on the heels of a long period of depression during which the increase of facilities has been relatively small. Since our railway facilities have proved inadequate at the beginning of the present period of prosperity, what kind of a situation will it cause to develop if industry steadily grows more active and traffic heavier, as it did for several years prior to 1906?"

Reason for Reduced Rate of Development.

The difference between the rate of development of railway facilities in the period ending with 1906 and in the period ending with 1916 is attributed to the difference in the rate of return earned during these periods. "In every year of the five ending with 1906 but one of the net return of the railways on their investment in road and equipment exceeded 5 per cent. In every one of the five years preceding 1916 the net return earned was les sthan 5 per cent, and in two of them—1914 and 1915—it was les sthan 4 per cent.

"The recent increase in gross and net earnings has been followed immediately by an increase in expenditures for new construction and for equipment. Past experience shows that the continuance and intensification of this revival of railway expansion is absolutely dependent upon the continued earning by all the railways of the country of a net operating income exceeding 5 per cent on their property investment; and in view of present conditions in the money markets of the world it is probable that past experience is not an entirely safe guide, and that the minimum average net operating income sufficient in the past to cause a rapid expansion of railway facilities will not be sufficient in future. The verage net operating income earned on road and equipment in good years and in bad probably cannot, in view of past experience and of present financial conditions, with safety be allowed to fall below 6 per cent.

"The net operating income of the railways during the year just closing has been unprecedented, probably averaging more than 6 per cent on the investment in road and equipment. Until within the last eighteen months average gross earnings per mile per month had exceeded $1300 in only one month, October, 1912. In three months of the present year, however,—May, June and July,—more than $1300 per mile was earned. In August and September all previous records were broken with earnings of $1418 and $1409 per mile.

Operating Expenses and Taxes Begin to Increase Rapidly.

"Operating expenses and taxes already have begun to show heavy increases. In the latest month for which statistics are available, namely, September, the percentage of increase in operating expenses and taxes per mile for the entire country was greater than that of the increase in the total earnings per mile. This tendency on the Eastern lines, where the congestion of traffic is greatest, is especially marked, the increase in total earnings during the month mentioned being 12 per cent, while the increase in expenses and taxes was 18 per cent."

This increase in operating expenses is attributed to increased wages and also to advances in the cost of equipment and supplies. For example, the price of rails has been advanced during the year from $30 to $40 per ton, while during the recent period of prosperity the average cost of a freight car has advanced from about $1,000 to about $1,500. The Railway Age Gazette concludes:

"In view, however, of the progress which has been made within recent years in improving the management of the railways, in improving regulation, and in educating business opinion and public opinion regarding the railway situation and in view of the large earnings the railways are now making without any serious complaint from any source that they are excessive, the outlook for greater prosperity for the railways and affiliated industries, and for a large expansion of railway facilities during the next few years, seems promising."

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at noon.

Secretary Lansing testified on the immigration bill before the Immigration committee.

Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee heard testimony on the Webb foreign agencies bill.

Considered in executive session renomination of W. N. Daniels as Interstate Commerce commissioner.

Adjourned at 5:10 p. m. to noon Monday.

HOUSE

Met at 11 a. m.

Resumed consideration of agricultural appropriation bill.

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, testified before rules committee on the peace note "leak" investigation.

Adjourned 4:45 p. m. to noon Monday.

WAYNE FARMER CRUSHED TO DEATH BY FALLING TREE

Walter Davis Loses His Life —Robbery at Bowdens Reported.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 6.—Walter Davis, well known in this city, a prosperous young farmer of Pinkney, this county, was killed this week while felling a tree in the forest on his plantation, according to a report reaching Goldsboro this morning by farmers living in that section of the county.

According to the report, Mr. Davis had finished cutting a tree and when it was falling, in looking backward as he ran, to see the direction in which the tree was falling, he stumbled and fell and the tree crushed his head into a pulp.

Mr. Davis was 30 years of age and is survived by a young wife to whom he was married a short time ago.

A business man of this city, who has arrived home from a visit at Bowdens, Duplin county, reports that some one entered the express office at that station last Sunday night and stole the entire supply of whiskey, amounting to 65 quarts, consigned mainly to negroes employed at a lumber mill near Bowdens.

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Next Thursday Is Inauguration Day

EXERCISES IN RALEIGH AUDITORIUM—LUNCHEON AND RECEPTION BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. INAUGURAL BALL—MUSIC.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—The joint committee on arrangements for the inauguration of Governor Bickett, Senator Person and Representative Pegram, chairmen, is making preparations as rapidly and thoroughly as possible. The exercises will be in the city auditorium Thursday.

The A. & M. cadets and band will serve as honor guard and a big Philadelphia band will probably be here for special music. The inaugural ball will be a brilliant feature.

The order for the refreshments, which will be particularly fine, will be furnished by a Washington, D. C., caterer. A luncheon and a reception are also being arranged for by the Raleigh chamber of commerce and other local organizations, to follow the inaugural ceremonies.

TWO MEN STILL CLAIM THE ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S CHAIR

Legislature Has Been in Session Two Days Without Organizing.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 6.—The Arizona legislature recessed tonight until Monday without having attempted to organize during the two days it has been in session. The gubernatorial contest between G. W. P. Hunt and Thomas E. Campbell, which the State Supreme court will decide next week, has caused the legislators to withhold all formal actions and they have not even caucused for selection for floor leaders.

Both Hunt and Campbell are preparing to submit mesages to the assembly.

SMALL NOT TO TESTIFY

Case Will Probably Be Given to the Jury Tomorrow.

Ossippe, N. H., Jan. 6.—The case of Frederick L. Small, the former Boston broker charged with the murder of his wife, Florence Arline Small, probably will be given to the jury Monday. The defense rested today, announcing that the defendant would not be called to the stand, and the evidence for both sides closed after the rebuttal testimony had been presented by the state. The trial began December 26.

There were cut from the National forests in the fiscal year 1916, 604,920,000 board feet of timber. Of this amount 119,483,000 board feet was cut under free use privilege by 42,055 individuals. In all, 10,840 sales of timber were made, of which 97 per cent were under $100 in value, indicating the extent to which the homesteader, rancher, miner, small millman, and others in need of a limited quantity of timber draw upon the forests.

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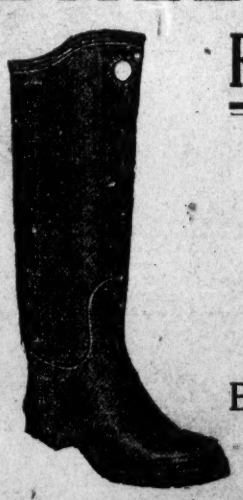
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ANNUAL MEETING

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Lot Owners of Oakdale Cemetery will be held Monday evening, January 8th, 1917, at 8 o'clock at the Company's Office, No. 3 Odd Fellows' Building.

W. H. HOWELL, Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Murchison National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at eleven o'clock.

CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK COTTON 18.35

Market Displays Increasing Activity and Strength—Net Advance of 25 to 48 Points.

New York, Jan. 6.—The cotton market showed increasing activity and strength today with May selling up to 18.68, or 45 points above Friday's close and more than $11.15 per bale above the low level of last month. That delivery closed at 18.60 with the general list closing steady at a net advance of 25 to 48 points.

The market opened firm at an advance of 3 to 17 points on a renewal of yesterday's buying movement. Realizing caused some irregularity, but offerings were absorbed by the buying of spot houses and a broadening outside demand. The high point was reached late in the morning with March selling at 18.40 and July at 18.70 or more than 32 per bale above last night's closing figures. Realizing caused reactions of 6 or 7 points in the late trading, but offerings were comparatively light during the entire morning. As Liverpool was closed there were no cables to influence sentiment and there appeared to be nothing in political news to create any fresh view of peace prospects or the ocean freight situation.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	17.85	18.17	17.81	18.15
March	17.98	18.40	17.98	18.35
May	18.25	18.68	18.25	18.60
July	18.33	18.70	18.33	18.64
Oct.	17.18	17.47	17.18	17.39

Spot steady; middling uplands 18.35; no sales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 17.38; receipts, 5,592; sales, 2,205; stock, 487,806.

Galveston—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 9,171; exports, 6,258; sales, 1,000; stock, 371,207.

Mobile—Middling, 17.50; receipts, 273; stock, 19,916.

Savannah—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 871; sales, 12; stock, 199,983.

Charleston—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 28; stock, 63,791.

Wilmington — Middling, 18.00; receipts, 130; stock, 50,879.

Norfolk—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 1,414; sales, 159; stock, 115,422.

Baltimore—Stock, 8,776.

Boston—Middling, 17.90; receipts, 245; stock, 9,500.

Philadelphia — Middling, 18.60; receipts, 85; stock, 4,209.

New York—Middling, 18.35; receipts, 73; stock, 144,023.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 8,235; exports, 8,235; stock, 44,778.

Total today—Receipts, 25,739; exports, 20,085; stock, 1,520,285.

Total for week—Receipts, 25,739; exports, 20,085.

Total for season—Receipts, 5,070,229; exports, 3,263,122.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 3,615; shipments, 6,262; sales, 812; stock, 246,667.

Memphis — Middling, 18.00; receipts, 3,928; shipments, 5,309; stock, 334,619.

Augusta — Middling, 18.25; receipts, 864; shipments, 674; sales, 189; stock, 149,000.

St. Louis—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 1,904; shipments, 1,593; stock, 30,918.

Cincinnati—Shipments, 190; stock, 22,605.

Little Rock—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 1,072; shipments, 2,313; sales, 2,313; stock, 47,906.

Dallas—Middling, 17.75; sales, 6,369.

Montgomery—Middling, 18.00; salees, 6.

Total today—Receipts, 10,883; shipments, 16,341; stock, 531,710.

COTTON GOODS MARKET.

Buying Has Been Quiet But Prices Have Held Steady.

New York, Jan. 6.—Cotton goods markets have been quiet this week, most of the buying being light filling in orders. Prices in the gray goods markets have held steady and fewer offerings of second hand goods were made than in the last week of 1916. Branded cottons, both gray and colored, have held firm, while on some of the unbranded lines of bleached cottons lower prices have been quoted in small sales.

The demand for export goods has been light in volume although various houses report many small inquiries and sales. Another week of quiet in first hands is anticipated. Napped cottons, which are usually active at this period, are so well under order that formal openings are not being announced, while many of the leading cotton blanket lines are only being offered in particular lots to customers who have used the goods in the past. Many wash goods openings are taking place in retail stores and large retail clearance sales are on. Divergent views are expressed of the long future of the market, one being that consumption will be restricted by high prices, the other being that domestic trade will hold good in view of the probability of a further large export movement.

Prices quoted are as follows: Print cloths, 28 inch 64x64s, 6c nominal; 64x60s, 5½c; 38½-inch 64x64s, 8c; brown sheetings, Southern standards, 11¾c and 12c; denims, 2.20 indigo, 21c; tickings, 8 ounce, 30½c; staple prints 9c; staple ginghams, 9½c; dress ginghams, 11 1-2c.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Jan. 6. — The cotton seed oil market was firmer, with a good demand from shorts on the strength in the other markets, and small offers of crude. Closing prices were 3 to 8 points net higher. Sales, 10,500 barrels. Close, steady. Spot, 12.25; January, 1227@12.30; February, 12.14@12.15; March, 12.12@12.13; April, 12.10@12.17; May, 12.17@12.18; June, 12.18@12.23; July, 12.23@12.24; August, 12.24@12.27.

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Gold reserves of the Federal Reserve banks increased $7,000,000, combined cash reserves increased $5,700,000 and earning assets decreased $9,400,000 during the week.

DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, Jan. 6—Cotton goods closed the week steadier. Yarns were quiet and irregular. Burlaps for future delivery were firm. Linens also were firm. Knit goods were quiet with requests numerous for delivery on past orders. Wool goods were firm.

SHARP ADVANCE IN WHEAT

German Emperor's Message to Troops One of Many Elements That Served to Send Prices Up.

Chicago, Jan. 6. — Emperor William's message to his troops that the war would continue acted as one of many elements today that forced a sharpe advance in the price of wheat. After an extreme rise of 5¼ the market reacted but closed strong, 2 to 4¾c. net higher, with May at 1.84¾ to 1.85⅛, and July at 1.51⅛ to 1.51⅝.

Other staples, too, scored substantial gains. Corn, 1¾ to 1⅞; oats, 1 to 1⅛, and provisions, 12 to 32.

Closing:
Wheat—May, 1.84⅞; July, 1.51⅛.
Corn—May, 95½; July, 98.
Oats—May, 57⅝; July, 54⅝.
Pork—January, 28.05; May, 27.85.
Lard—January, 15.60; May, 16.05.
Ribs—January, 14.42; May, 14.87.
Cash grain.
Wheat—No. 2, red, No. 3, red, No. 2 and No. 3, hard, nominal.
Corn—No. 2, yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 95½@96; No. 4, white, nominal.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Holasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 6.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—53c.
ROSIN—$5.50, $5.25.
TAR—$2.60-11c.
CRUDE TURPENTINE — $4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 55½c.; rosin, $5.60 and $5.70; tar, $2.10-8½c; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine 2
Rosin ... ...(—)
Tar 46
Crude Turpentine 3

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 48 casks; rosin, 3 barrels; tar, (—) barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — 18c.; same day last year, 11¾c.

Receipts—30 bales; some day last year, 445 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 74,014.

Total receipts to same date last year, 136,186 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

January 6, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—30 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 14 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—32 barrels tar.

Local—3 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—30 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 46 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Jan. 6.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c. to 70c. bushel.
IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.
CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.
BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.
PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.
WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.
SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.
HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.
NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 20c. per lb.; good demand.
BEESWAX — Firm, 25c. per pound; good demand.
POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 35c head.
EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Jan. 6. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.35; No. 1, machine, $1.20 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy handpicked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.30; Jumbos, $1.25 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 6. — Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Jan. 6. — Hogs—Active, 10 to 15 above yesterday's average. Bulk, 10.15@10.65; rough, 10.15@10.25; pigs, 7.60@9.50.

Cattle—Strong. Native beef cattle, 7.50@11.80; westeern steers, 7.35@10.00; stockers, 8.35@8.40; cows and heifers, 4.30@10.00; calves, 9.00@13.25.

Sheep—Firm. Wethers, 9.25@10.50; ewes, 6.75@10.00; lambs, 11.40@13.75.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Jan. 6. — Beeves, no trading. Calves, steady. Veals, 15.25@16.00; culls, 10.00; common barn yard calves, 6.00.

Sheep and Lambs — Steady. Good sheep, ewes, 8.25; prime lambs, 14.50.

Hogs—No trading.

WEEK'S BANK STATEMENT.

New York, Jan. 6. — The statement of the average condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $140,441,440 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $23,105,750 over last week.

STOCKS DULL AND NARROW

Strong Undertone Was Only Feature of Especialy Interest—Metals Better. Rails Apathetic.

New York, Jan. 6.—Except for its relatively strong undertone, today's dull and narrow market presented no feature of special interest. Recoveries of 1 to 3 points from yesterday's lowest levels, some of which were later forfeited, resulted almost wholly from the closing of traders contracts. United States Steel and the equipment and munitions groups contributed more than half to the insighificant total. Metals also were substantially better with springs, but rails were apathetic.

Foreign affairs evoked little interest aside from the announcement of another large gold importation from Canada. Recurrent rumors of the cancellation of war orders were authoritatively denied. Exchange on London was firm, but rates on Paris, Berlin and Rome shaded slightly.

Domestic trade reports indicated a slight halt in mercantile lines, while the car shortage continues to work to the detriment of steel mills and allied industries.

Actual reserves of local clearing house banks for the first week of the new year expanded by more than $23,000,000 increasing total exdess reserves to above $140,000,000, while reserves in vaults of banks increased almost $40,000,000. Firmness ruled in bonds, with an active demand for Southern Railway general fours at a full point gain. Total sales, par value, $3,850,000.

Government bonds were slightly more active during the week, United States 3's advancing a slight fraction, while Panama 3's yielded a point.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	27½
American Beet Sugar	96½
American Can	48
American Car and Foundry	67
American Cotton Oil	B. 49
American Locomotive	76¾
American Smelting	108
American Sugar	112
American Tel and Tel	123½
American Tobacco	216
American Zinc	36½
Anaconda Copper	33
Atchison	105⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	117½
Baldwin Locomotive	57½
Baltimore and Ohio	83⅝
Bethlehem Steel	B.480
Canadian Pacific	159¾
Central Leather	93¼
Chesapeake and Ohio	64¾
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	91
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	32⅛
Colorado Fuel and Iron	45½
Consolidated Gas	B.131
Corn Products	22¼
Crucible Steel	63⅝
Cuba Cane Sugar	52⅞
Erie	33
General Electric	B.167
Great Northern, pfd	116⅝
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	36½
Goodrich	58⅛
Illinois Central	105
Inspiration Copper	57⅛
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	85
International Nickel	42⅛
International Paper	44⅞
Kansas City Southern	B. 25
Kennecott Copper	44⅝
Lehigh Valley	78
Louisville and Nashville	133
Liggett and Meyers	275
Lorillard Co	222
Maxwell Motors	52
Mexican Petroleum	103
National Lead	60
New York Central	103
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	51
Norfolk and Western	133⅛
Northern Pacific	110½
Pennsylvania	56⅞
Ray Consolidateed Copper	26½
Reading	102
Rep. Iron and Steel	79¾
Seaboard Air Line	17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	33⅞
Sloss-Shef. Steel and Iron	69
Studebaker Corporation	106
Southern Pacific	96⅞
Southern Railway	31½
Southern Railway, pfd	68½
Tennessee Copper	W 1. 15
Texas Co	235
Union Pacific	143⅞
United Fruit	B.149
United States Rubber	62¼
United States Steel	112¾
United States Steel, pfd	120
Utah Copper	100⅝
Virginia-Caro. Chem	B. 41
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	B. 29¾
Western Union	95¾
Westinghouse Electric	54
Mo. Pac..	W 1. 31½

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Prices Advance Almost $2.00 a Bale. Net Rise of 24 to 39 Points.

New Orleans, Jan. 6.—A bulge of almost $2 a bale in cotton here today resulted from a demand stipulated by reports of an increased inquiry for spots in the belt at rising prices. The market opened at the advance which was well maintained throughout the short week-end session, the highest prices being made toward the close.

In the early trading prices rose 15 to 16 points. Telegrams from the interior saying foreign buyers were bidding as high as 17.50 a pound, basis middling, at interior points, without dislodging cotton, increased the demand and the market was still further stimulated by the rise of 25 points in spot quotations here. Late in the day active months were 30 to 43 points up. The close was very steady at a net rise of 24 to 39 points.

October did not follow the advance well, showing little of the strength which marked it earlier in the week. One theory for this was that straddlers were reversing their position in order to secure profits.

Closing bid: January 17.78; March 17.92; May 18.17; July 18.35; October 17.04.

Spot cotton firm, 25 points up; sales on the spot 1,230 bales; to arrive 975 bales; middling 17.38.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Jan. 6. — Turpentine, firm, 52½@54; sales, none; receipts, 90; shipments, 3; stock, 23,266.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 873; receipts, 458; shipments, 125; stock, 91,605. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, 6.25@6.27½; G, 6.25@6.30; H, I, 6.35; K, 6.62½; M, 6.75; N, 702½; W G, 7.10; W W, 7.30.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 7, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 50 degrees; at 8 P. M., 51 degrees; maximum, 61 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .49 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., yesterday, 5.9 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair weather and moderate temperature Sunday and Monday.

The Port Calendar, Jan. 6, 1917.

Sun rises .....7:19 A. M
Sun sets .....5:18 P. M.
Day's length.. .. .. .. .9 hrs. 59 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	9:11	9:26	4:02	4:39
Southport	7:17	7:27	12:54	1:38
Masonboro Inl	7:06	7:16	12:34	1:18

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

January 6, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene	cldy	66	34	.0
Asheville	clear	52	34	.02
Atlanta	clear	58	36	.0
Augusta	clear	62	42	.0
Baltimore	clear	46	—	.0
Birmingh	clear	58	34	.0
Boston	clear	42	40	.20
Charleston	clear	60	46	.02
Charlotte	clear	58	42	.0
Chicago	clear	44	26	.0
Galveston	clear	58	50	.0
Jacksonv	clear	60	46	.06
Memphis	clear	56	38	.0
Mobile	clear	62	42	.0
Montgom'y	clear	60	38	.0
New Orl	clear	60	48	.0
New York	clear	38	34	.08
Oklahoma	clear	62	34	.0
Palestine	pt cldy	62	36	.0
Pittsburg	clear	40	28	.0
Raleigh	clear	58	44	.0
Savannah	clear	64	44	.0
Shreveport	clear	62	36	.0
St. Louis	cldy	54	34	.0
Washing'n	clear	46	38	.0

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Jan. 6.—Mercantile paper, 4. Sterling, sixty day bills, 4.71½; commercial 60-day bills on banks, 4.71½; commercial sixty day bills, 4.71; demand, 4.75¾; cables, 4.76 7-16; Bar silver, 75⅜; Mexican dollars, 58½. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, firm.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Jan. 6. — Sugar—Raw, firm; molasses sugar, 4.52; centrifugal, 96 test, 5.39; refined, steady.

Coffee—Spot, firm; Rio No. 7, 10; Santos, No. 4, 11.

Investigations by the Forest Products laboratory, at Madison, Wis., have resulted in the use of spent tanbark in the manufacture of asphalt shingles to the extent of 160 tons per week. The value of the bark has been thereby increased from 60 cents to $2.50 per ton.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Office of the Treasurer.
Wilmington, N. C., December 30, 1916.

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of three and one-half per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, Wilmington, N. C., on and after January 10th, 1917, to such stockholders as shall be registered on the books of the Company on December 19th, 1916, at three o'clock P. M.

JAMES F. POST,
Treasurer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator C. T. A., of Sarah A. Parmele, late of Wilmington, N. C., I hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the estate of said Testatrix, to present the same to the undersigned on or before January 5th, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1917.

C. B. PARMELE,
Administrator C. T. A. of Sarah A. Parmele.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Jan. 8, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 85 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND. Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND. Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
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5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
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8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
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11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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WILMINGTON WILL HAVE NO NEW CHARTER FOR THE PRESENT

(Continued from Page Five.)

measure, to deter action thereon in the House, by Mr. Grant.

"E. H. CRANMER."

Representative Grant wanted to know if it was the desire of the meeting that he be bound by its action. Mr. Fergus wanted it distinctly understood that no change in the city government should be made without submitting it to the people. Mr. C. C. Covington wanted to know what Representative Grant proposed to do. At this point Mr. Cashwell moved that the proposed charter be read paragraph by paragraph.

Charter is Synopsized

More discussion was started when it was tried to determine what the new charter was. In the afternoon paper had appeared some half dozen columns, containing what purported to be a charter that was proposed to be introduced. Representative Grant disclaimed any responsibility for its publication and didn't know whether or not it was the same bill that he had in mind.

Mr. J. Allan Taylor essayed to give a synopsis of the proposed new charter, which he had read and digested. It provided for a mayor at a salary of $3,000; a commissioner of water and sewerage and a commissioner of finance at a salary of $3,000 each and a purchasing agent. The charter also provided that the three men were to be appointed to hold office until May of 1919 when an election would be held. This charter also provided for expenditure of $2,500 annually for advertising purposes. As published it did not contain the names of the men whom were to be appointed and Representative Grant stated that the bill he had did not either.

"Representative Grant has a perfect right to introduce any bill he desires," said Mr. Taylor, "changing the city government, subject absolutely to the will of the people." Representative Grant declared that he had no intention of introducing any bill until he had secured an expression of opinion.

Wants to Know Who

While the debate proceeded as to whether the new charter should be read, George L. Peschau, Esq., rose to ask if there would be any impropriety in Mr. Grant's telling who sent him the bill to Raleigh.

Mr. Grant in reply explained that a great deal of responsibility rested upon him personally. He had gone to Raleigh fully determined to carry out the wishes of the people, as he had understood it to be expressed at the mass meeting last Saturday night. He made a thorough investigation of all the different commission forms. He had consulted with Robert H. Sykes, Esq., of Durham, soon to be assistant attorney general, and had secured his advice which was to send to Wilmington and have a bill drawn. This he had done.

Mr. Peschau wanted to know if any names had been placed in the bill. Mr. Grant said that the person drawing the charter had been asked not to put any names in it.

Back to Earth Again.

At the juncture when everything was in a topsy-turvey state, W. P. Mangum Turner, Esq., brought things to earth again by moving that the meeting proceed to discuss the bill. This was acted upon favorably.

Mr. Grant explained that as soon as he received the bill or charter that he turned it over to Senator Cranmer for his consideration.

Iredell Meares, Esq., thought it would take at least two hours to real the bill. He was cheered when he declared that "we don't want anybody named as commissioners."

Mr. J. Allan Taylor moved a substitute for the motion to read the bill that Mr. Grant be asked by the meeting not to introduce any bill for a new charter. If the new charter was not adopted, no rights would be lost, he explained, because a general State act is being prepared which will give all cities and towns in the State an option of securing either the managerial, commission or aldermanic form as they may desire. All that is necessary is to call for an election. It would take at least a day to read the proposed charter and digest it. He asked that Mr. Grant leave it to the people.

Hon. George Rountree, in seconding the motion, declared that he did not believe anyone could complain of Mr. Grant's action. He did not think that the Representative had acted improperly. He spoke of the passage of the new constitutional amendments which are designed to prevent just what was trying to be done now. He thought that if Mr. Grant wanted to please the people, he would not introduce the bill but would leave it to the people. He realized that it was not an easy matter to serve as Representative. He was frank to say that even if the charter, published in the afternoon paper, was passed it would be worth nothing because it would be necessary to have three readings on separate days in both houses and only two days remained. He spoke of the general State act now being prepared for cities and towns which he felt sure would be amply satisfactory.

Hon. John D. Bellamy did not agree with Judge Rountree. He had read the act carefully and while he had not been an advocate of commission government, he realized that the people want it and he thought that if the people of Wilmington ever expect to make a change, now was the time to do it. He was opposed to appointing men to serve until 1919 but this could be easily remedied. He did not think the taxation matter was a serious objection and believed that the bill could be made a law in two days.

Just before the vote was taken, Representative Grant again explained that he was there to do the will of the people. When the question was put there was a chorus of "ayes" and not a single "nay." The discussion had lasted less than an hour but the action taken meant that Wilmington will be at peace for the time being at least. Many present breathed a sigh of relief; others went home, sure that all was well. If anybody was disappointed, they kept it to themselves.

Want Improved Ferry.

When Mr. M. W. Jacobi arose after the storm had passed to speak a good word for an improved ferry or a bridge over the Cape Fear river, he was greeted with a round of applause that shook the rafters. He thought $50,000 would be sufficient to get an improved ferry and to improve the causeway. He thought it time that something was being done. He felt that it should be made mandatory upon the commissioners to look after it at an early date.

Representative Grant said he was heartily in favor of what Mr. Jacobi proposed, but that it was too late to introduce any bill relating to taxes.

Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., wanted to know what the crowd thought about it anyway and moved that the meeting go on record as approving the acquisition of and the operation of an improved ferry by the two counties, looking to a bridge later.

Mr. D. J. Fergus paid an eloquent tribute to the Confecerate Veterans who fought bravely for their country and moved that Representative Grant be asked to use his efforts to have their pensions doubled. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Grant Mr. Fergus changed his motion to read that the Representative should use his best efforts to secure increased pensions. Everybody voted "aye" on the motion.

"I feel like my attitude about the civil service is right," said Mr. Grant, "but I want to know what you think about it. I see no more reason for having the chief of police and the chief of the fire department under the civil service than that of having the heads of the water and sewerage and the street departments under the civil service."

Councilman McCaig reminded the gathering that Council already has the authority to place the neads of the other departments under the civil service but this did not keep the meeting from voting unanimously against the proposition to place the fire and police chiefs under the provision.

No Change in Number.

Representative Grant thought that it would be better to have five men on the Board of Education and had for that reason introduced a bill to that end. He also thought that they should be elected by the people but under existing laws they must be appointed. He had not decided upon whom he would appoint.

Judge Rountree explained how the present system was evolved and stated that he understood that State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner had outlined a general scheme which he hoped Mr. Grant would acquaint himself with. However, Mr. Grant declared that he was committed to the plan that is now in operation in Mecklenburg county. He thought that Dr. Joyner's plan is nothing short of a school master's dictatorship and he believed it should be left to the people.

T. W. Davis, Esq., moved that the present law be not changed because he felt that to do so would simply mean getting the scnools into politics which would be the worst thing that could happen.

"When I say let the people have a voice, you shout politics," said Mr. Grant amidst applause. Mr. R. H. McClammy declared that there are two kinds of politics, one where a few have the say-so and the other where the people rule. As for him he was in favor of letting the people rule.

Iredell Meares, Esq., thought that the people ought to be interested in politics. He thought that to elect the members of the Board of Education would bring the schools closer to the people and he was in favor of it for that reason. He had nothing but applause for the present Board of Education in New Hanover but he felt that the State educational system is in the hands of a "petty oligarchy." He moved that five men compose the board and that they be elected by the people. His motion was ruled out of order because the present laws do not provide for election.

Marsden Bellamy, Esq., wanted to know if the position taken by Mr. Meares hadn't been the contention of the Republicans for years and that the Democrats have opposed it.

Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan made an earnest and strong plea that no change be made in the present system in New Hanover. He thought it well enough to let things stand as they are because the people are satisfied with it.

Mr. Jacobi thought it would be a great mistake to experiment and his remarks were greeted with applause as he launched into an able argument asking that no change be made.

The motion of Mr. Davis was put by the chairman and was carried by a unanimous vote.

Discuss Recorder's Court.

Representative Grant asked what the meeting thought of allowing the costs for arrests made and subpoenas served by the police for the Recorder's court going into the city funds. He also thought that the fee for the solicitor should be increased from 75 cents to $2. This provoked much discussion in which Hon. John D. Bellamy, Solicitor E. T. Burton, T. W. Davis, Esq., Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and George L. Peschau, Esq., took part.

At this juncture A. G. Ricaud tried to get a motion to adjourn before the house but it was voted down. Mr. Grant declared that he was fully able to take the responsibility for his acts but that he wanted an expression from the people and that if they did not express their views that he did not propose to come down again.

District Attorney J. O. Carr moved that the costs and emoluments of the Recorder's court be divided between the city and county in proportion to the taxes paid. Judge Bryan opposed any change in the existing system. Mr. J. S. Williams wanted the incentive for policemen to make arrests removed. This he explained is the case because a fee goes to the pension fund from every arrest. Mr. Walter Hatch moved to table all motions and this was carried.

Mr. Grant asked for an expression of opinion on the proposed bond issue for schools. Chairman Woodus Kellum, of the Board of Education, explained carefully wrat is proposed to be done with the money. Mr. M. W. Jacobi made an earnest and eloquent plea for vocational training in the schools. When the question for endorsement of the proposed bond issue, after a vote of the people, was put there was but a single "nay."

Chairman W. A. McGirt explained that City Council had asked for a change in the appropriation made by the city and county,, which he thought would shift an undue burden upon the county. Mr. Kellum moved that the ratio of appropriation remain the same, Mr. Taylor opposed the adoption because he did not know what the proportion is. He moved an amendment that they remain as they are "if equitable". This was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Taylor the meeting went on record as commending Mr. Grant for what he had done in bringing all questions before the people. Upon motion of Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., the meeting endorsed the proposed State-wide bill for securing Federal aid. The meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock in a very peaceful and composed mood.

RAILROAD MAN A SUICIDE.

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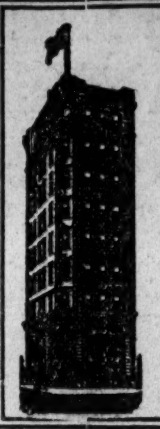

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